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SWEET CLOVER SEED PRICES SHOW STEADY DECLINE.

Movement Continues Below Normal Because of Inactivity of Seedsmen—Late Reports Indicate Good Quality Crop.

Sweet clover seed prices declined 25¢ to 50¢ per 100 lbs. on an average between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15. Seedsmen were reluctant to bid on seed because of the quantity offered them and because of no indication of an early demand from the trade. There seldom is, however, much demand for sweet clover seed at this time of year as the country merchants prefer to wait until after the holidays before placing their orders.

In northeastern Kansas a grower reports having sent samples of his sweet clover to seedsmen in five cities in the Missouri Valley without receiving a bid. A grower of yellow sweet clover in northern Wyoming submitted samples to eleven seedsmen and did not receive a single bid. The growers in most sections apparently have reconciled themselves to the fact that they must either wait until buyers show some inclination to obtain their requirements or sell at unremunerative prices.

PRICES CONTINUE LOW.

In the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota prices have remained at approximately the same low level for several weeks. In the more important counties $3.50 to $4 for thrasher-run and $4.50 to $5 for recleaned seed were being offered. Kansas prices for thrasher-run seed ranged mostly from $3.50 to $4.25 and were 50¢ to $1 lower than Nebraska and Illinois prices. In Utah and Colorado more or less nominal prices of $3.50 to $4.00 per 100 lbs. for clean seed were being offered and but little seed has moved in these States.

Some movement of the crop occurred during the four weeks ending Dec. 17 but it is generally considered below normal for the season. A number of correspondents estimate that as much as 25% of the crop has moved in a few of the important counties in the Red River Valley. In Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Kentucky a larger movement than elsewhere has taken place, but even in these States, except Kentucky, the growers are still holding the bulk of the crop.

The late reports on the quality of the crop seem to indicate that it will average a trifle better than that of last year. In most instances only the best fields were harvested because of the low prices, and this practice seems to have resulted in improving the general quality of the seed now being offered for sale.

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ALFALFA SEED PRICES CONTINUE AT NEARLY SAME LEVEL.

Large Arrivals from South America Tend to Make Buyers Cautious—Movement Continues Slow.

Prices of domestic alfalfa seed were fairly well maintained in most sections during the four weeks ending Dec. 17 despite the continued, heavy arrivals of alfalfa seed from South America. The movement of the crop continued to be draggy because of the indifference of seedsmen in augmenting their present stocks.

The number of growers who are willing to sell at prevailing prices is about equal to the number who anticipate higher prices later in the winter or during the early spring, according to reports received by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates during the week ending Dec. 17. In a number of counties of Kansas 75% of the crop has been sold, while in Nebraska only about 25% and in South Dakota 25% to 50% of the crop has left growers' hands in some of the leading producing countries.

PRICES STEADY

In northwestern Kansas prices paid to growers for thrasher-run seed ranged from $8 to $11 per 100 lbs., and averaged $9.50. Higher prices, however, were paid in other sections of that State, the average price in southwestern Kansas being $10.50 and in northeastern and southeastern Kansas about $10. Prices in southeastern Nebraska two weeks ago were almost uniformly $10 but declined to about $9.25; in western Oklahoma prices ranged mostly from $10 to $12. In the Black Hills of South Dakota $9 to $12 for thrasher-run and $12 to $15 for recleaned seed were being offered on Dec. 15, but these prices were lower than those on Dec. 1 and growers continued to pool their seed with their organization in that State.

In southeastern New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming $10 to $10.50 was being paid for thrasher-run seed. Growers in southern Idaho and western Utah are being offered

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EXPORTS OF LEADING CROPS DECREASE IN OCTOBER.

Only Cotton and Tobacco Show Increase—Wheat Exports Show Largest Drop—Imports Also Decrease.

The outstanding feature of the agricultural exports during the month of October was the marked decrease in the exports of leading commodities, except cotton and tobacco, according to the foreign trade statistics published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The value of all farm exports during October, 1921, was $201,000,000, compared with $191,000,000 during September, 1921, and with $325,000,000 during October, 1920. The increase in the value of the 1921 exports is due primarily to the increased value of cotton exports which rose from $43,232,534 in September to $91,028,236 in October. The quantity and value of the principal agricultural exports during October, 1921, compared with the preceding month and with the corresponding month of last year may be found in Tables 1 and 2 accompanying this article. Comparative figures for the ten months ending with October are also included in these tables.

COTTON EXPORTS INCREASE.

Exports of cotton during October, 1921, totaled 904,079 bales of 500 lbs. each, compared with 611,686 bales exported in October, 1920. Exports in September, 1921, were 534,677 bales. The October 1921 exports of cotton were 47.8% greater in quantity than those of the corresponding month of 1920, although the declared value was susbstantially the same, $91,028,236 in October, 1921, and $91,247,498 in October, 1920. During the ten months ending Oct. 31, 1921, the total exports of cotton were 5,356,392 bales of 500 lbs. each, compared with 4,815,324 bales during the corresponding period of 1920. The average October exports of cotton during the 5-year period, 1910 to 1914 were 1,292,086 bales.

Wheat exports (not including flour) dropped from 30,841,986 bus. in September to 18,361,807 bus. in October. In October, 1920, the exports totaled 35,802,977 bus., with a declared valuation of $99,217,531, compared with $23,595,397 in October of this year. The October, 1921, exports of wheat, were more than 8,000,000 bus. above the 5-year average (1910–1914) for that month. The total exports of wheat during the first four months of the present fiscal year were 132,582,916 bus., compared with 118,105,296

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Live Stock and Meats

LIVE STOCK MARKET HAS PERIOD OF FLUCTUATING PRICES.

International Live Stock Show and Strike of Packing House Workers the Outstanding Features.

The International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago and the strike of packing house workers at most of the important live stock markets of the Middle West and later at New York City were the two outstanding features which practically dominated the live stock market during the three weeks ending Dec. 17.

The International Exposition placed on the market large numbers of meat animals possessing exceptional quality and resulted in prices which were no criterion of the general level of market values.

The strike of packing house workers, involving as it did a great deal of uncertainty both for producers of live stock and distributors of fresh meats, resulted in marked unevenness of supplies and widely fluctuating prices.

HOG SHIPMENTS LARGE.

Eastern slaughterers placed liberal orders at middle western live stock centers during the week ending Dec. 10 and for a time practically dominated these markets. While the influence of this eastern shipping demand was most noticeable in the hog market it was by no means without force in both the cattle and sheep markets. At Chicago hog shipments for the week ending Dec. 10 broke all records, such outside orders providing an outlet for nearly two-thirds of the total receipts. During the following week shippers took about 48% of the hogs offered. Although hog prices fluctuated widely during the period, net changes averaged less than 50¢ per 100 lbs.

A liberal shipping demand for sheep and lambs was also in evidence, and this together with light receipts resulted in fat lambs advancing to $11.65 on Dec. 8. Lower dressed lamb markets and more liberal supplies of live animals during the following week, however, brought the lamb top down to $10.50.

While there was some shipping demand for cattle, it was not so extensive as that for hogs and sheep. Although a fair clearance of cattle was effected during the week ending Dec. 10, curtailed buying on the part of both large and small slaughterers resulted in the daily surpluses during the following week, and on Dec. 17 the Chicago Live Stock Exchange issued a statement requesting producers to withhold shipments until the yards could be cleared. Prices declined rather sharply.

For the week ending Dec. 17 a range of $6.50 to $7.75 took the bulk of beef steers offered. Incidentally the preceding week brought to market what was believed to be about the last of the western range cattle for this season.

Despite the draggy trade and declining prices on beef and butcher cattle a fair movement of stockers and feeders was maintained. The demand for that class of stock was not only sufficient to maintain prices but actually brought about a moderate advance. At Chicago during the week ending Dec. 3 the bulk of stocker and feeder steers sold at $5.15 to $6, whereas two weeks later the bulk ranged from $5.50 to $6.35, with choice feeding steers selling up to $7.

DAILY AVERAGE WEIGHT AND COST OF HOGS.

[Price per 100 lbs.]

Week Ending Dec. 3.

	Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.		Sat.		This wk.		Last wk.		1 yr. ago.	
	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.	Wt.	Cost.
Chicago	228	$6.97	222	$6.90	217	$6.91	223	$6.83	229	$6.75	254	$6.65	226	$6.86	222	$6.79	231	$10.21
E. St. Louis	195	7.04	199	7.00	202	6.92	215	6.90	203	6.99	220	7.11	203	6.96	200	6.94	196	10.43
Kansas City	213	6.76	226	6.68	219	6.66	225	6.55	221	6.66	233	6.60	221	6.68	216	6.59	220	9.61
Omaha	234	6.24	235	6.16	238	6.22	233	6.35	235	6.28	238	6.31	236	6.24	231	6.31	250	9.68
S. St. Paul	218	6.59	223	6.47	217	6.53	212	6.31	220	6.42	214	6.41	220	6 44	212	6.47	213	9.53

Week Ending Dec. 10.

Chicago	227	$6.63	216	$6.85	228	$6.81	222	$6.76	222	$6.98	246	$6.98	224	$6.80	226	$6.86	232	$9.77
E. St. Louis	198	6.83	204	6.96	209	7.13	205	7.17	206	7.08	222	7.31	205	7.07	203	6.96	199	9.91
Kansas City	220	6.52	220	6.58	229	6.56	230	6.54	211	6.80	224	6.85	223	6.59	221	6.68	226	9.72
Omaha	240	6.17	226	6.29	222	6.47	226	6.25	236	6.26	240	6.47	231	6.32	236	6.24	250	9.56
S. St. Paul	208	6.39	208	6.50	220	6.55	214	6.50	214	6.82	215	6.73	213	6.54	220	6.44	219	9.28

Week Ending Dec. 17.

Chicago	228	$6.89	221	$6.97	229	$6.96	223	$6.95	222	$6.77	226	$6.73	225	$6.90	224	$6.80	231	$9.12
E. St. Louis	209	7.04	206	7.17	200	7.31	228	7.22	224	6.90	204	7.00	209	7.11	205	7.07	208	9.18
Kansas City	224	6.62	223	6.55	223	6 67	227	6.61	229	6 42	211	6.40	224	6.57	223	6.59	226	8.81
Omaha	234	6.48	204	6.32	232	6.25	233	6.27	230	6.22	236	6.23	230	6.29	231	6.39	250	8.67
S. St. Paul	219	6.43	220	6.49	225	6.54	223	6.57	222	6.41	201	6.57	221	6.49	220	6.54	217	8.56

The above prices are computed on packer and shipper purchases.

STOCKER AND FEEDER SHIPMENTS.

	Week ending Dec. 2.			Week ending Dec. 9.			Week ending Dec. 16.		
	Cattle and calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cattle and calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cattle and calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Market origin:									
Chicago	9,212	.....	9,475	8,088	.....	3,204	6,021	.....	7,003
Denver	32,967	2,243	.....	6,117	869	20,241	5,732	982	14,990
East St. Louis	4,315	416	242	3,519	791	532	2,403	1,217	4,654
Fort Worth	4,102	443	127	3,785	85	4,331	2,213	1,093	261
Indianapolis	2,361	427	69	854	213	15	812	199	.....
Kansas City	11,423	892	3,575	9,010	1,297	4,050	13,330	1,214	14,118
Oklahoma City	833	239	155	472	.....	.....	772	119	.....
Omaha	9,516	121	4,150	7,279	.....	5,792	7,547	.....	6,760
St. Joseph	1,972	.....	1,439	1,169	180	1,877	2,205	71	2,781
St. Paul	7,898	1,586	1,364	6,509	2,693	441	5,120	1,087	1,024
Sioux City	4,216	126	1,788	3,681	470	1,027	3,231	90	259
Wichita	3,608	.....	.....	1,324	.....	.....	2,861	.....	1,199
Total	92,423	6,493	22,384	51,807	6,598	41,510	52,247	6,072	53,049
Same week last year[1]	79,273	7,535	55,781	58,318	10,617	42,326	51,980	7,590	29,386
State destination:									
California	586	.....	.....	.....	436	.....	242	453	.....
Colorado	16,799	2,243	.....	5,369	80	10,420	3,462	529	8,218
Connecticut	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	36	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	7,641	500	2,552	7,166	1,149	1,648	6,067	968	8,114
Indiana	4,692	427	820	2,482	453	274	2,738	618	127
Iowa	18,443	854	2,073	7,875	1,093	5,232	8,632	1,308	3,485
Kansas	8,957	129	1,845	4,341	334	681	7,884	252	1,729
Kentucky	204	.....	111	420	.....	15	213	.....	.....
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland	162	.....	.....	146	.....	.....	42	.....	.....
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan	1,582	224	3,889	1,354	507	1,246	977	.....	4,328
Minnesota	1,427	940	135	783	673	208	1,037	124	744
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri	5,508	373	3,299	3,890	1,030	4,336	4,832	339	7,682
Montana	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska	12,991	121	3,690	7,637	.....	8,914	8,242	150	11,121
New Jersey	173	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York	345	.....	1,269	220	405	673	92	.....	329
North Dakota	53	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	2,991	.....	1,766	1,674	.....	4,643	1,820	.....	4,996
Oklahoma	2,622	239	155	1,784	.....	.....	1,359	366	132
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	353	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania	2,924	.....	.....	2,014	.....	37	2,196	.....	.....
South Dakota	722	.....	.....	665	.....	127	395	.....	.....
Tennessee	204	.....	.....	135	.....	.....	42	.....	.....
Texas	1,801	443	127	2,278	85	150	1,229	846	.....
Utah	156	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129
Virginia	470	.....	.....	327	.....	12	122	.....	590
Washington	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia	94	.....	.....	139	.....	.....	205	.....	.....
Wisconsin	497	.....	653	458	.....	476	244	119	1,322
Wyoming	309	.....	.....	518	.....	2,382	175	.....	.....
Total	92,423	6,493	22,384	51,807	6,598	41,510	52,247	6,072	53,049

[1] Denver not included.

A Correction.

In the table entitled "Stocker and Feeder Shipments, Week Ending Friday, Nov. 26," appearing on page 355 of The Market Reporter of December 3, the total number of sheep for 12 markets was given as 36,825. These figures should have read 63,825.

Iowa Leads in Purebred Swine.

On Jan. 1, 1920, Iowa had 289,042 purebred swine, the largest number possessed by any State in the Union. Illinois was second with 215,965, and Indiana third with a total of 159,696.

FRESH MEATS SHOW UNUSUALLY WIDE PRICE FLUCTUATIONS.

Lamb, Mutton, and Pork Prices Make Net Gains Over Three-Week Period—Beef Unchanged.

[Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago.]

Fresh meat prices showed unusually wide fluctuations during the three weeks from Nov. 25 to Dec. 16, due chiefly to strike conditions both at western packing centers and at New York City. While all classes of meat were affected, fresh pork prices showed the widest fluctuations. Speculative buying on the part of jobbers was largely responsible for the erratic movement of prices during the period.

Beef.—Beef prices both at Chicago and eastern markets scored extreme advances of $2 to $4 during the past three weeks. However, with recent supplies ample, and the demand poor, declines followed which placed Dec. 16 prices on about the same level as those prevailing on Nov. 25.

Veal.—With supplies of veal uneven and insufficient to meet the demand, prices fluctuated widely. Net gains for the three weeks ranged from $4 to $6 at New York and $3 to $4 at Philadelphia while Chicago and Boston remained practically unchanged.

Lamb.—With offerings of lamb relatively lighter than those of other classes of meat all markets recorded substantial advances. Compared with Nov. 25, New York advanced $10 to $11 while the other markets under review gained $4 to $5 for the period.

Mutton.—Under light receipts and a fair demand, and in sympathy with a strong lamb market, mutton prices gained $3 to $5 at eastern markets and $1 to $2 at Chicago during the three weeks under review.

Pork.—Fresh pork prices showed the widest fluctuation as compared with other classes of fresh meat. Prices advanced $11 to $12 at New York during the week ending Dec. 9, while other markets registered gains of $6 to $9. These advances were followed by sharp declines, and closing prices on Dec. 16 showed average net advances of only about $2 at all markets.

Stocks of Hides and Skins, October 31.

Stocks of cattle hides on hand in the United States Oct. 31 showed a decrease of 95,592 pieces, or 1.6%, compared with similar stocks on hand Sept. 30, and a decrease of 779,876, or 11.6%, compared with those on hand a year ago. Stocks of calf and kip skins also decreased materially during October, 1921, showing 87,675, or 2% fewer on hand than a month ago and 902,786, or 17.2% fewer than a year ago. Stocks of sheep and lamb skins, however, increased 459,114 pieces, or 3.7%, during October. Compared with October, 1920, however, stocks showed a decrease of 560,536 skins, or 4.1%.

Kind.	Stocks on hand.			Number sold during October, 1921.
	Oct. 31, 1921.	Sept. 30, 1920.	Oct. 31, 1920.	
Cattle	5,990,633	6,086,225	6,770,509	1,812,348
Calf and kip	4,325,395	4,413,070	5,228,181	768,779
Sheep and lamb	13,065,170	12,606,056	13,625,706	2,191,052

Idaho Leads in Purebred Sheep.

On Jan. 1, 1920, Idaho had the largest number of purebred sheep of any State in the Union, the total amounting to 47,107 head. Ohio was second with 39,444, and Oregon third with 38,738.

LIVE STOCK PRICES, TUESDAY, DEC. 20.

[Per 100 lbs.]

	Chicago.	East St. Louis.	Kansas City.	Omaha.	St. Paul.
HOGS.					
Top	$7.00	$7.25	$6.95	$6.80	$6.60
Bulk of sales	6.40- 6.80	7.05- 7.25	6.55- 6.80	6.40- 6.75	6.35- 6.50
Heavy (250 lbs. up), medium-choice	6.50- 6.75	6.75- 7.15	6.35- 6.70	6.25- 6.65	6.00- 6.50
Medium (200-250 lbs.) common-choice	6.60- 6.85	7.00- 7.25	6.60- 6.80	6.50- 6.75	6.25- 6.50
Light (150-200 lbs.), common-choice	6.75- 7.00	6.90- 7.25	6.65- 6.85	6.60- 6.80	6.45- 6.60
Light lights (130-150 lbs.), common-choice	6.90- 7.10	6.85- 7.25	6.70- 6.95	6.50- 6.80	.....
Packing sows (250 lbs. up) smooth	5.40- 6.25	5.60- 6.00	5.25- 5.50	5.25- 5.75	5.50- 5.85
Packing sows (250 lbs. up), rough	5.10- 5.65	5.25- 5.60	4.75- 5.25	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50
Pigs (150 lbs. down), common-choice	6.90- 7.10	6.25- 7.25	.....	.....	7.00- 7.25
Stock pigs (130 lbs. down)	.....	.....	6.25- 7.25	6.50- 7.00	6.75- 7.25
CATTLE.					
Beef steers:					
Medium and heavy (1,100 lbs. up)—					
Choice and prime	8.25-10.50	8.25- 9.75	7.50- 9.25	8.25-10.00	.....
Good	7.50- 9.00	7.25- 8.75	6.10- 8.00	7.00- 8.50	7.75- 9.75
Medium	6.25- 8.00	6.00- 7.25	5.35- 6.50	5.50- 7.25	6.00- 7.75
Common	5.50- 6.25	4.75- 5.75	4.50- 5.35	4.50- 5.50	5.00- 6.00
Light weight (1,100 lbs. down)—					
Choice and prime	9.15-11.25	9.25-11.00	9.25-10.40	9.50-11.00	.....
Good	8.00- 9.25	8.00- 9.25	6.40- 9.15	7.25- 9.50	8.25-10.25
Medium	6.15- 8.00	5.75- 8.00	5.25- 6.65	5.25- 7.25	6.00- 8.25
Common	5.25- 6.15	4.50- 5.75	4.25- 5.25	4.50- 5.25	5.00- 6.00
Butcher cattle:					
Heifers, common-choice	3.50- 8.00	3.75- 9.75	3.60- 7.50	3.50- 7.75	3.50- 8.50
Cows, common-choice	3.25- 6.15	3.25- 5.50	3.40- 5.10	3.00- 5.25	3.00- 6.00
Bulls, bologna and beef	3.25- 6.00	3.00- 5.50	2.75- 4.75	2.75- 5.75	2.50- 4.50
Canners and cutters:					
Cows and heifers	1.75- 3.25	1.50- 3.25	1.75- 3.40	1.50- 3.00	1.50- 2.75
Canner steers	2.75- 3.75	2.25- 3.50	2.25- 3.25	2.50- 3.25	2.50- 3.00
Veal calves:					
Light and medium weight, medium-choice	6.00- 8.50	5.75- 8.50	5.75- 8.00	5.75- 8.50	5.00- 8.50
Heavy weight, common-choice	3.00- 7.25	3.00- 8.50	3.00- 7.00	3.00- 7.00	2.75- 5.50
Feeder steers:					
1,000 lbs. up, common-choice	5.25- 6.75	4.75- 6.25	4.85- 6.65	4.50- 6.60	4.50- 6.00
750-1,000 lbs., common-choice	5.00- 6.75	4.25- 6.25	4.75- 6.75	4.50- 6.75	4.25- 6.00
Stocker cattle:					
Steers, common-choice	4.25- 6.60	3.50- 6.25	3.75- 6.60	3.50- 6.50	4.00- 6.00
Cows and heifers, common-choice	2.75- 4.75	2.50- 4.75	2.25- 5.00	3.00- 5.50	2.50- 4.50
Calves—					
Good and choice	.....	5.00- 6.50	5.25- 6.75	5.50- 7.00	.....
Common and medium	.....	3.75- 4.75	3.00- 5.00	3.50- 5.50	.....
SHEEP.					
Lambs:					
84 lbs. down, medium-choice	9.50-10.50	8.25-10.50	8.75-10.00	9.25-10.00	8.75- 9.75
85 lbs. up, medium-choice	.....	.....	.....	9.00- 9.75	.....
Culls and common	7.25- 9.25	6.50- 8.00	5.50- 8.50	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 7.50
Feeding lambs	8.75-10.00	.....	7.75- 9.00	8.25- 9.50	.....
Yearlings, wethers, medium-prime	7.00- 9.00	5.75- 8.75	6.00- 8.25	6.75- 8.00	6.00- 7.75
Wethers, medium-prime	4.50- 6.25	4.00- 5.50	4.00- 5.25	4.50- 5.50	4.00- 5.75
Ewes:					
Medium, good and choice	3.00- 5.25	3.00- 4.75	3.00- 4.25	3.25- 4.50	2.50- 4.00
Culls and common	1.50- 2.75	1.00- 2.75	1.50- 2.75	1.25- 3.00	1.00- 2.50

WHOLESALE PRICES OF WESTERN DRESSED MEATS.

[Per 160 lbs.]

	Chicago.			New York.		
	Dec. 20.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 20.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 6.
Fresh beef:						
Steers—						
Choice	$17.00-18.00	$19.00-20.00	$18.00-19.00	$17.00-18.00	$19.00-20.00	$17.00-20.00
Good	15.00-17.00	17.00-18.00	16.00-17.00	13.00-14.00	17.00-18.00	14.00-16.00
Medium	13.00-14.00	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	11.50-12.50	15.00-16.00	11.50-13.50
Common	9.00-12.00	10.00-13.00	9.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	14.00-15.00	10.00-11.50
Cows—						
Good	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	13.00-14.00	10.50-11.50
Medium	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	12.00-13.00	9.50-10.50
Common	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	.....	8.50- 9.50
Bulls—						
Medium	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00- 9.00
Common	7.00- 7.50	6.50- 7.00	6.00- 6.50	.....	11.00-12.00	7.50- 8.00
Fresh lamb and mutton:						
Lamb—						
Choice	22.00-24.00	26.00-27.00	22.00-24.00	25.00-26.00	30.00-31.00	26.00-27.00
Good	20.00-21.00	24.00-25.00	21.00-22.00	24.00-25.00	28.00-30.00	24.00-25.00
Medium	18.00-20.00	21.00-23.00	18.00-20.00	22.00-23.00	26.00-27.00	20.00-23.00
Common	16.00-17.00	19.00-20.00	15.00-17.00	15.00-20.00	23.00-25.00	.....
Mutton—						
Good	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-13.00	16 00-20.00	13.00-15.00
Medium	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	14.00-16.00	11.00-12.00
Common	7.00- 9.00	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	.....	8.00- 9.00
Fresh veal:						
Choice	15.00-16.00	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	.....	23.00-24.00	20.00-22.00
Good	13.00-14.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	17.00-18.00	20.00-22.00	18.00-19.00
Medium	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	16.00-17.00	18.00-20.00	15.00-17.00
Common	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-15.00	.....	12.00-14.00
Fresh pork cuts:						
Loins—						
8-10 lbs. average	15.00-17.00	21.00-22.00	18.00-19.00	16.00-17.00	27.00-28.00	18.00-20.00
10-12 lbs. average	14.00-15.00	20.00-21.00	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	26.00-27.00	17.00-18.00
12-14 lbs. average	13.00-14.00	19.00-20.00	16.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	25.00-26.00	16.00-17.00
14-16 lbs. average	12.00-13.00	18.00-19.00	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	23.00-24.00	15.00-16.00
16 lbs. and over	11.00-12.00	17.00-18.00	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-21.00	14.00-15.00
Shoulders—						
Skinned	10.50-12.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.50	12.50-13.00	14.00-16.00	12.50-14.00
Picnics—						
4-6 lbs. average	10.50-11.00	12.00-12.50	11.00-11.50	.....	.....	.....
6-8 lbs. average	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
Butts—						
Boston style	12.50-15.00	16.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	17.00-19.00	15.00-17.00

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Markets.	Cattle and calves.								Calves.						Horses.	
	Receipts.		Local slaughter.		Stocker and feeder shipments.		Total shipments.		Receipts.		Local slaughter.		Stocker and feeder shipments.		Receipts.	
	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920
Albany	2,201	3,872	120	406	33	83	2,081	3,466	1,015	1,022	27	76				
Amarillo, Tex	11,721	22,329		262	4,626	9,013	11,721	22,067	(1)	(1)					70	241
Atlanta, Ga	1,432	2,583	843	1,432	236	344	589	1,151	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)			369	384
Augusta, Ga	786	1,046	728	781	154	227	154	265	263	214	264	214				46
Baltimore, Md	17,781	24,860	10,101	13,521	400	800	7,680	11,339	5,123	6,842	3,060	3,589			206	180
Birmingham, Ala	2,392	2,606	2,338	2,542			30	64	195	98	186	98				
Boston, Mass	7,765	6,815	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	2,758	2,626	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)		
Buffalo, N. Y	47,550	65,925	12,111	17,631	1,600	3,557	35,814	48,294	21,312	23,978	4,776	5,007			1,001	1,340
Chattanooga, Tenn	1,682	1,459	1,342	1,175	340	284	340	284	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		
Cheyenne, Wyo	750	10,825					750	10,825							100	22
Chicago, Ill	320,632	440,732	203,041	290,328	51,337	65,532	117,591	150,404	54,280	58,185	49,772	51,451			2,186	2,309
Cincinnati, Ohio	38,749	38,074	22,085	25,156	1,961	4,918	16,664	12,918	10,132	7,991	6,140	5,112			192	372
Cleveland, Ohio	20,349	21,453	18,817	19,050	624	420	1,532	2,403	8,934	10,084	8,343	9,355			20	240
Columbia, S. C	649	711	649	711					31	39	31	39				44
Columbus, Ohio	256	375	55	96			240	279	242	358	41	79				
Dallas, Tex	502	664	502	664					70	124	70	124				
Dayton, Ohio	2,715	3,253	2,526	2,457		367	189	796	625	648	548	555				
Denver, Colo	84,754	93,390	9,709	15,541	60,087	63,691	73,642	76,326	8,251	6,094	1,292	1,636	7,063	3,503	792	656
Detroit, Mich	18,304	23,280	14,045	18,040	2,310	3,771	4,259	5,240	8,520	9,046	6,815	8,409	61	24	68	47
Dublin, Ga		20						20								
East St. Louis, Ill	125,189	131,866	44,679	81,688	35,221	22,640	80,510	50,178	40,252	26,372	13,517	18,452	9,522	1,031	6,333	2,782
El Paso, Tex	19,114	19,532	2,123	2,046	9,650	15,276	15,979	16,587	1,497	(1)	60	(1)	1,635	(1)	673	927
Emeryville, Calif	2,739	3,639	2,739	3,639					254	642	254	642				
Evansville, Ind	3,809	3,236	2,273	1,575	123	163	1,536	1,661	810	863	487	439	7		4	9
Fort Worth, Tex	110,562	107,304	59,612	54,434	22,341	35,979	50,440	45,649	49,763	31,735	33,610	32,011	5,065	1,771	1,750	1,909
Fostoria, Ohio	1,084	2,432	80	58	632	1,552	1,094	2,084	403	443	35	43				
Indianapolis, Ind	34,822	54,406	18,021	19,509	7,597	5,542	16,801	34,897	12,836	28,159	4,199	3,813			28	453
Jacksonville, Fla	125	371	72	371			80		13							
Jersey City, N. J	59,733	65,018	59,733	65,018					28,244	31,732	28,244	31,732			225	117
Kansas City, Mo	233,703	293,072	107,263	131,983	100,197	104,008	131,058	141,825	51,875	50,766	20,744	25,049	9,502	3,251	3,986	1,284
Knoxville, Tenn	1,759	1,959	1,016	1,131		302	743	828	62	40	27	40	35		51	87
La Fayette, Ind	975	1,069	514	654	162	98	492	415	424	538	195	262	31	17		
Lancaster, Pa	34,599	39,812	7,663	8,624		21,810	26,936	31,188	1,126	2,570	95	642			28	79
Logansport, Ind	55	68	13	3	5	6	28	65	12	20	7			5		
Louisville, Ky	18,183	23,583	6,107	8,278	3,363	4,335	12,076	15,305	4,942	5,844	1,719	2,414			91	171
Marion, Ohio	351	2,007	72	103			279	1,902	123	853	49	76			55	131
Memphis, Tenn	1,600	2,369	757		59		290	1,991	319	310					4,233	429
Milwaukee, Wis	42,400	37,353	37,699	30,868	1,226	658	4,719	6,485	27,254	21,799	27,118	21,533	107	91	30	76
Montgomery, Ala	3,186	3,874	495	249	834	1,314	2,625	3,705	49	389		13		69	236	116
Moultrie, Ga	57	(3)	37	(3)	20	(3)	20	(3)	7	(3)	5	(3)	2	(3)		(3)
Nashville, Tenn	8,973	11,861	4,530	4,713	1,639	1,813	4,443	7,148	1,831	1,811	1,126	1,011	60	34		32
Nebraska City, Nebr	197	264				156	197	264								
New Brighton, Minn	9,800	31,937	1			854	9,798	31,937	9	2						7
New Orleans, La	15,270	23,307	12,923	17,168	2,051	2,595	3,054	5,061	10,133	9,923	6,660	7,994	(1)	(1)		51
New York, N. Y	18,567	24,524	18,567	24,524					12,246	15,016	12,246	15,016			1	96
Ogden, Utah	16,156	7,619	1,683	1,192	4,848	3,790	14,473	6,427	195	104	109	72	86	32	5	327
Oklahoma, Okla	27,578	36,959	18,812	19,656	9,661	11,249	9,933	14,993	3,396	3,379	3,117	4,211	911	281	410	37
Omaha, Nebr	114,915	162,874	51,916	96,755	53,230	54,160	65,041	66,119	11,815	6,261	3,269	4,339			531	399
Pasco, Wash	1,215	1,331					1,215	1,331	9						22	9
Peoria, Ill	3,555	3,654	1,268	1,525	1,373	373	2,287	2,139	1,046	1,232	461	427	18	9	6	16
Philadelphia, Pa	14,927	18,379	14,653	17,827			274	552	5,821	6,528	5,778	6,443			138	289
Pittsburgh, Pa	75,989	75,332	11,325	13,102			64,664	60,764	22,031	27,777	5,752	6,825			935	989
Portland, Oreg	8,558	12,710	5,556	6,423	648	3,191	4,097	6,209	773	1,329	741	890		214	56	10
Pueblo, Colo	21,278	32,405	197		845	976	21,195	33,241	(1)	(1)			(1)	(1)	123	328
Richmond, Va	2,345	3,505	1,564	2,095	234	227	782	1,410	695	763	595	504	21		723	704
St. Joseph, Mo	47,146	57,765	29,761	39,669	12,667	4,928	17,000	16,331	6,690	5,491	4,619	4,841	1,694	228	826	319
St. Paul, Minn	130,653	218,164	65,019	81,091	50,433	47,933	66,337	126,655	31,650	28,014	28,076	26,243	1,023	760	140	340
Salt Lake City, Utah	7,905	5,242	1,903	616	936	2,162	7,797	4,623	73	62	41		72	27	86	164
San Antonio, Tex	22,712	19,472	4,197	4,241	8,156	7,698	18,515	15,231	13,931	5,272	2,162	1,965	7,200	825	355	2,902
Seattle, Wash	3,023	4,113	3,023	3,974				139	35	462	35	462			24	9
Sioux City, Iowa	47,369	71,380	19,781	35,140	23,085	23,837	29,647	35,385	4,103	2,313	3,878	2,105	270	129	316	641
Sioux Falls, S. Dak	1,997	1,223	908	633	835	176	1,152	610	170	70	36	51	214	10		
Spokane, Wash	6,524	6,793	2,667	3,325	2,619	1,884	4,398	3,939	841	510	549	172	297	181	45	195
Tacoma, Wash	2,412	1,824	2,587	2,060				4	417	236	409	263				
Toledo, Ohio	2,533	4,673	959	1,547	760	1,049	1,621	3,126	944	1,690	402	775	30		66	145
Washington, D. C	2,193	2,708	2,133	2,577		16	60	131	1,135	1,144	1,135	1,144				
Wichita, Kans	39,613	30,229	9,129	7,396	17,959	12,594	30,484	20,896	8,702	(1)	1,559	(1)	3,430	(3)	1,270	477
Total	1,927,819	2,427,509	935,033	1,207,276	497,147	552,851	997,447	1,165,575	480,709	449,723	294,483	308,660	48,361	12,487	28,805	22,937
Increase or decrease	−499,690		−272,243		−55,704		−168,128		30,986		−14,177		35,874		5,868	
Per cent	−20.6		−22.6		−10.1		−14.4		6.9		−4.6		287.3		25.6	
Total for 11 months ending with November	18370,202	20801,638	10335,697	11409,092	3,258,486	3,822,147	7,917,794	9,177,836	5,096,351	5,023,356	3,550,947	3,645,229	162,418	115,019	291,995	719,421
Increase or decrease	−2431436		−1073395		−563,681		−1260042		70,005		−94,282		47,399		−418,426	
Per cent	−11.7		−9.4		−14.7		−13.7		1.4		−2.6		41.2		−58.9	
Number average, 5 years, 1916–1920	2,476,289		1,285,734		617,831		1,187,081								133,305	
Increase or decrease	−548,470		−350,701		−120,684		−189,634								−104,500	
Per cent	−22.1		−27.3		−19.5		−16.0								−78.4	

[1] Calves included with cattle.

[2] Disposition of stock not reported.

[3] Stockyards not in operation.

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Markets.	Hogs.								Sheep.							
	Receipts.		Local slaughter.		Stocker and feeder shipments.		Total shipments.		Receipts.		Local slaughter.		Stocker and feeder shipments.		Total shipments.	
	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920	1921	1920
Albany, N. Y.		104		104					44	42	24	6			20	36
Amarillo, Tex.	194	384					194	384	14,682	20,205			10,668	4,920	14,682	20,205
Atlanta, Ga.	10,215	6,369	7,448	5,449			2,767	920								
Augusta, Ga.	1,017	1,431	979	1,178		37		253								
Baltimore, Md.	103,596	131,656	83,119	92,214			20,477	39,442	27,374	33,431	14,331	9,384	45	200	13,043	24,047
Birmingham, Ala.	2,628	2,783	2,630	2,756					31	114	31	92				
Boston, Mass.	693	772	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	385	587	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]
Buffalo, N. Y.	140,763	163,394	62,959	58,390			78,444	105,004	155,750	137,777	26,718	31,671		5,044	130,632	106,106
Chattanooga, Tenn.	2,856	589	2,856	589					224	169	224	169				
Cheyenne, Wyo.	3,280	1,120					3,280	1,120	8,500	17,700					8,500	17,700
Chicago, Ill.	768,158	672,596	559,628	574,724	273		208,530	97,872	395,042	438,153	262,761	270,606	90,319	144,694	132,281	167,547
Cincinnati, Ohio.	141,597	154,443	92,847	70,867		119	48,750	83,576	13,938	14,600	10,545	7,925	393	265	3,393	6,675
Cleveland, Ohio.	88,870	85,815	61,775	51,163			27,095	34,652	50,599	45,848	22,875	21,076	706		27,724	24,772
Columbia, S. C.	716	1,631	716	1,631					21	31	21	31				
Columbus, Ohio.	3,717	7,481	494	1,712			3,188	5,217	114	518					114	518
Dallas, Tex.	7,036	6,278	7,036	6,278					54	36	54	36				
Dayton, Ohio.	12,054	12,378	8,546	6,976			3,508	5,402	524	716	246	625			278	91
Denver, Colo.	22,692	25,776	22,106	23,320	727	2,491	727	2,491	262,781	370,556	15,462	14,839	253,433	397,609	261,334	417,493
Detroit, Mich.	40,784	50,918	30,799	39,921		944	9,985	10,997	70,502	66,974	26,074	31,656	1,732	5,724	44,428	35,318
Dublin, Ga.	167	176		24			167	176								
E. St. Louis, Ill.	361,902	328,780	134,209	167,317	1,322	1,480	227,693	161,463	38,419	46,293	25,252	37,576	2,270	3,423	13,167	8,717
El Paso, Tex.	1,747	1,109	1,085	836	75	157	662	237	10,539	4,915	964	1,683	4,140	6,863	11,147	6,863
Emeryville, Calif.	1,511	1,470	1,511	1,470					13,346	13,223	13,346	13,223				
Evansville, Ind.	19,991	17,756	9,306	4,939	318		10,685	12,817	384	439	159	212			225	227
Fort Worth, Tex.	20,219	33,188	13,994	24,897	1,663	2,872	6,109	6,310	20,797	17,214	8,386	5,660	7,790	8,163	12,411	8,163
Fostoria, Ohio.	11,002	9,995	1,162	545	125	50	10,142	9,450	2,942	2,502	15	25	15	160	2,886	2,477
Indianapolis, Ind.	223,084	316,550	143,050	124,204	1,484	529	80,034	192,346	9,926	13,517	2,853	3,029	246	272	7,073	10,488
Jacksonville, Fla.	9,943	10,058	2,964	6,607		10	6,464	2,811								
Jersey City, N. J.	39,650	58,339	39,650	58,339					162,073	164,038	162,073	164,038				
Kansas City, Mo.	178,092	242,575	132,416	184,565	5,767	10,008	45,610	52,260	96,005	121,022	56,696	63,957	30,085	37,973	32,884	52,509
Knoxville, Tenn.	2,787	1,457	1,758	58			1,029	1,401	18	76	18	76				
La Fayette, Ind.	10,894	19,605	2,687	2,869	297	297	8,191	16,736	667	635	42		44	54	641	635
Lancaster, Pa.	5,466	13,502	2,058	2,184			3,408	11,318	320	6,875	37	95			283	6,780
Logansport, Ind.	3,592	4,035	173	7	32	31	3,528	4,028	76	29	3		2		87	29
Louisville, Ky.	23,440	45,913	9,618	12,951	5	332	13,822	32,962	1,227	2,202	940	1,690	133	38	332	512
Marion, Ohio.	9,127	17,201	1,694	493	166	405	7,435	16,729	2,566	11,091	32	64	117	196	2,467	10,943
Memphis, Tenn.	1,705	1,355	156		156	27	1,298	1,287	86	132					15	9
Milwaukee, Wis.	73,045	83,963	72,456	74,227			589	9,736	8,889	9,498	6,409	6,753			2,481	2,745
Montgomery, Ala.	1,912	2,501	39	273	201	78	1,848	2,411		12						8
Moultrie, Ga.	3,115	[2]	2,159	[2]	611	[2]	956	[2]		[2]		[2]		[2]		[2]
Nashville, Tenn.	29,021	65,664	12,110	9,027		378	16,911	56,637	552	1,530		1,031		92	34	499
Nebraska City, Nebr.	29,743	22,305	22,457	16,966			5,108	4,357	117						117	
New Brighton, Minn.	279	145					279	145	18,109	17,117				1,546	18,109	17,117
New Orleans, La.	4,742	9,146	4,812	5,544		300	92	1,865	373	873	274	213	70	250	70	250
New York, N. Y.	85,029	69,712	85,029	69,712					22,728	18,549	22,728	18,549				
Ogden, Utah.	16,181	6,273	5,296	3,410	98	275	10,885	2,863	48,284	21,231	1,012	2,801	35,454	15,605	47,272	18,430
Oklahoma, Okla.	17,963	25,600	13,660	22,896	3,307	453	4,232	2,869	1,550	984	995	455	68		68	337
Omaha, Nebr.	151,258	136,440	117,755	121,705	269	310	33,538	14,735	156,463	211,664	85,336	90,307	29,323	107,826	64,651	121,357
Pasco, Wash.	164	98					164	98	8,597	7,354				7,354	8,597	7,354
Peoria, Ill.	39,180	34,739	16,976	14,900	722	308	22,204	19,839	219	319	190	319	29		29	
Philadelphia, Pa.	41,662	47,364	38,543	45,008			3,119	2,356	36,487	42,173	35,535	40,744			952	1,429
Pittsburgh, Pa.	240,601	260,193	51,288	44,388			189,313	226,290	64,015	73,932	11,567	12,220			52,448	59,667
Portland, Oreg.	10,087	11,132	8,545	4,962	627	1,451	1,162	6,154	14,809	21,488	5,878	9,897	558	839	8,424	8,367
Pueblo, Colo.	471	1,522	155				236	1,559	65,807	97,243			18	1,068	72,403	100,760
Richmond, Va.	17,611	16,193	17,415	16,049		15	196	144	1,093	743	961	672	55		132	71
St. Joseph, Mo.	172,917	143,608	151,904	127,193	1,330	804	21,504	16,158	55,722	42,343	49,807	31,628	5,500	8,400	5,760	10,422
St. Paul, Minn.	267,159	252,699	172,509	201,087	9,446	24,599	79,063	45,824	94,336	175,238	65,329	65,589	13,370	29,815	35,311	104,271
Salt Lake City, Utah.	5,668	1,611	4,141	612		366	2,481	999	36,294	78,468	5,701	118	15,576	51,459	34,590	78,350
San Antonio, Tex.	6,227	6,246	2,901	4,009	113	308	3,326	2,237	3,613	5,788	99	168	325	4,658	3,514	5,620
Seattle, Wash.	6,404	6,973	6,404	6,869		104		104	4,624	16,485	4,624	16,485				
Sioux City, Iowa.	92,234	132,775	61,010	93,456	1,781	1,526	30,535	39,330	43,536	39,779	31,142	23,449	7,158	6,151	12,286	16,224
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	34,052	16,428	10,530	48	221	111	23,602	16,446	357	235	234	42	9	1	141	193
Spokane, Wash.	2,833	4,737	1,378	3,063	391	1,223	1,835	1,894	3,809	8,853	3,051	2,905	849	4,759	849	6,209
Tacoma, Wash.	8,043	3,049	7,205	2,589				2	8,203	13,152	3,697	2,438				6
Toledo, Ohio.	11,819	21,702	1,626	8,774		126	9,813	12,928	2,791	7,995	265			246	2,619	8,149
Washington, D. C.	11,590	12,946	11,353	12,652			237	294	2,809	3,340	2,809	3,340				
Wichita, Kans.	30,331	27,427	29,354	26,008	977	1,329	977	1,620	3,873	3,064	587	398	56	1,548	3,286	2,672
Total.	3,686,526	3,872,173	2,370,439	2,464,995	32,504	53,853	1,297,427	1,399,555	2,068,015	2,471,113	988,412	1,009,975	510,556	857,215	1,094,193	1499,367
Increase or decrease.	−185,647		−94,556		−21,349		−102,128		−403,098		−21,563		−346,659		−405,174	
Per cent.	−4.8		−3.8		−39.6		−7.3		−16.3		−2.1		−40.4		−27.0	
Total for 11 months ending with November.	37170,199	37921,310	24187,751	24080,273	463,090	690,931	12934,298	13773,843	22503,695	21971,096	12053,871	10090,023	2,892,425	4920926	10449,897	11853070
Increase or decrease.	−751,111		107,478		−227,841		−839,545		532,599		1,963,848		−2028501		−1403173	
Per cent.	−2.0		0.4		−33.0		−6.1		2.4		19.5		−41.2		−11.8	
November average, 5 years, 1916–1920.	4,204,039		2,825,682		116,976		1,354,825		2,429,260		1,035,883		763,265		1,425,172	
Increase or decrease.	−517,513		−455,243		−84,472		−57,398		−361,245		−47,171		−252,709		−330,979	
Per cent.	−12.3		−16.1		−72.2		−4.2		−14.9		−4.6		−33.1		−23.2	

[1] Disposition of stock not reported.

[2] Stockyards not in operation.

PRICES OF LIVE HOGS IN CHICAGO, AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES OF CERTAIN PORK PRODUCTS.[1]

The retail price of ham in September, 1921, was more than 6¾ times the average price of live hogs at Chicago during the same month. This spread is unprecedented. In the same month the consumer paid for bacon more than 5½ times the Chicago price of live hogs.

The accompanying table gives the prices of live hogs at Chicago from January, 1913, to November, 1921, the wholesale prices of ham, bacon, pork loins, and lard, and the retail prices of ham, bacon, pork chops, and lard in 51 cities. These figures show that the widest spread between the price of live hogs at Chicago and the retail prices of ham, bacon, and pork chops that has existed in the period under review occurred during September, October, and November, 1921.

The retail price of ham in September, 1921, reached the unprecedented level of 675.4% of the average price of live hogs. While the relative wholesale price of bacon for the 11 months, January, 1921, to November, 1921, has averaged a little under the average for the preceding eight-year period, the retail prices as compared with live hog prices have mounted steadily during the current year, the consumer paying for bacon in November 566.3% of the price of live hogs. New high points have also been reached in the spread between the retail price of pork chops and the price of live hogs.

In considering these figures it should be kept in mind that hogs lose about 20% to 25% in slaughtering.

[Prices are in cents per pound.]

Year and month.	Price of live hogs at Chicago.	Hams. Smoked. Wholesale price.		Hams. Retail price.[2]		Bacon. Short, clear sides. Wholesale price.		Bacon. Retail price.		Fresh pork. Pork loins. Wholesale price.		Fresh pork. Pork chops. Retail price.		Lard. Prime contract. Wholesale price.		Lard. Retail price.	
		In Chicago market.	Per cent of live hogs.	In 51 cities.	Per cent of live hogs.	In Chicago market.	Per cent of live hogs.	In 51 cities.	Per cent of live hogs.	In Chicago market.	Per cent of live hogs.	In 51 cities.	Per cent of live hogs.	In New York market.	Per cent of live hogs.	In 51 cities.	Per cent of live hogs.
1913	8.35	16.6	198.9	26.9	322.2	12.7	152.1	27.0	323.4	14.9	178.4	21.0	251.5	11.0	131.7	15.8	189.2
1914	8.30	16.7	201.2	27.3	328.9	13.2	159.0	27.5	331.3	15.4	185.5	22.0	265.1	10.4	125.3	15.6	188.0
1915	7.10	15.3	215.5	26.1	367.6	11.6	163.4	26.9	378.9	14.3	201.4	20.3	285.9	9.4	132.4	14.8	208.5
1916	9.60	18.5	192.7	29.4	306.3	14.9	155.2	28.7	299.0	16.2	168.8	22.7	236.5	13.5	140.6	17.5	182.3
1917	15.10	25.2	166.9	38.2	253.0	24.8	164.2	41.0	271.5	24.4	161.6	31.9	211.3	21.7	143.7	27.6	182.8
1918	17.45	31.8	182.2	47.9	274.5	27.9	159.9	52.9	303.2	29.5	169.1	39.0	223.5	25.5	146.1	33.3	190.8
1919	17.85	34.3	192.2	53.4	299.2	29.1	163.0	55.4	310.4	31.5	176.5	42.3	237.0	29.0	162.5	36.9	206.7
1920	13.91	33.4	240.1	55.5	399.0	20.7	148.8	52.3	376.0	30.7	220.7	42.3	304.1	20.0	143.8	29.5	212.1
1921:																	
January	9.41	24.9	264.6	48.4	514.3	14.3	152.0	46.2	491.0	21.8	231.7	35.9	381.5	13.6	144.5	22.3	237.0
February	9.42	26.0	276.0	48.2	511.7	14.4	152.9	44.7	474.5	19.2	203.8	32.7	347.1	12.5	132.7	20.7	219.7
March	10.00	27.2	272.0	48.8	488.0	15.4	154.0	41.9	419.0	25.2	252.0	35.3	353.0	12.2	122.0	19.6	196.0
April	8.50	27.6	324.7	49.3	580.0	13.9	163.5	44.4	522.4	27.0	317.6	37.1	436.5	10.5	123.5	18.4	216.5
May	8.35	27.2	325.7	48.7	583.2	13.4	160.5	43.5	521.0	22.2	265.9	35.1	420.4	9.7	116.2	16.7	200.0
June	8.19	28.2	344.3	48.9	597.1	13.8	168.5	42.9	523.8	19.5	238.1	34.1	416.4	10.2	124.5	16.2	197.8
July	9.69	32.0	330.2	51.0	526.4	14.2	146.5	43.2	445.8	22.3	230.1	34.3	354.0	12.1	124.9	16.7	172.3
August	9.26	32.5	351.0	52.9	571.3	14.9	160.9	43.7	471.9	28.5	307.8	38.0	410.4	11.9	128.5	18.1	195.5
September	7.61	27.6	362.7	51.4	675.4	13.8	181.3	43.0	565.0	27.4	360.1	37.6	494.1	11.5	151.1	17.9	235.2
October	7.72	23.7	307.0	48.3	625.6	10.5	136.0	41.2	533.7	24.0	310.9	36.0	466.3	10.2	132.1	17.2	222.8
November	7.01	22.4	319.5	45.7	651.9	11.2	159.8	39.7	566.3	18.0	256.8	32.0	456.5	9.8	139.8	16.6	236.8

[1] Wholesale prices of ham, bacon and pork loins in Chicago; of lard in New York. Retail prices in 51 cities throughout the United States. Price of live hogs, Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates; other prices from Bureau of Labor Statistics.
[2] Mostly for sliced ham.

RECEIPTS AND DISPOSITION OF LIVE STOCK AT PUBLIC STOCKYARDS COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEARS.

[Thousands, i. e., 000 omitted.]

Class and year.	Receipts. Nov.	Receipts. 11 mos. Jan.–Nov.	Receipts. Total for year.	Local slaughter. Nov.	Local slaughter. 11 mos. Jan.–Nov.	Local slaughter. Total for year.	Stocker and feeder shipments. Nov.	Stocker and feeder shipments. 11 mos. Jan.–Nov.	Stocker and feeder shipments. Total for year.	Total shipments. Nov.	Total shipments. 11 mos. Jan.–Nov.	Total shipments. Total for year.
Cattle and calves:												
1916	1,977	16,216	17,676	1,134	9,376	10,294	461	3,591	3,847	843	6,427	6,953
1917	2,625	21,167	23,066	1,356	12,156	13,275	729	4,459	4,803	1,273	8,691	9,473
1918	2,648	23,153	25,295	1,419	13,500	14,874	623	4,647	5,013	1,255	9,513	10,311
1919	2,703	22,442	24,624	1,312	12,441	13,633	723	4,817	5,286	1,399	9,776	10,757
1920	2,428	20,802	22,197	1,207	11,409	12,194	553	3,822	4,102	1,166	9,178	9,831
1921	1,928	18,370	.....	935	10,336	.....	497	3,258	.....	997	7,918	.....
Calves only:												
1920	450	5,026	5,337	309	3,645	3,875	12	115	121	132	1,373	1,455
1921	481	5,096	.....	294	3,551	.....	48	162	.....	176	1,475	.....
Hogs:												
1916	4,873	38,326	43,265	3,528	27,569	30,984	19	176	194	1,305	10,490	11,979
1917	3,941	34,050	38,042	2,422	22,840	25,440	319	658	788	1,500	11,173	12,571
1918	4,594	39,309	44,863	3,320	26,220	30,441	103	910	989	1,246	12,908	14,373
1919	3,740	39,489	44,469	2,393	26,675	30,018	91	833	902	1,322	12,733	14,366
1920	3,872	37,921	42,121	2,465	24,080	26,761	54	691	728	1,400	13,774	15,298
1921	3,687	37,170	.....	2,370	24,188	.....	33	463	.....	1,297	12,934	.....
Sheep:												
1916	2,126	19,213	20,692	1,057	10,297	11,228	546	3,132	3,277	1,080	8,650	9,193
1917	2,099	18,634	20,216	767	8,385	9,142	791	4,142	4,448	1,371	10,170	11,010
1918	2,605	20,860	22,485	1,135	9,358	10,266	763	4,848	5,208	1,502	11,467	12,204
1919	2,845	24,800	27,256	1,210	11,433	12,646	860	6,216	6,956	1,673	13,349	114,585
1920	2,471	21,971	23,538	1,010	10,090	10,981	857	4,921	5,180	1,499	11,853	12,563
1921	2,026	22,462	.....	988	12,054	.....	511	2,892	.....	1,052	10,408	.....

Cooperative Purchasing of Farm Supplies.

The number of farms in the United States reporting cooperative purchasing of farm supplies through farmers' organizations in 1919 was 329,449, or 5.1% of all farms, according to the Fourteenth Decennial Census.

In each of six States cooperative purchasing of farm supplies was reported by over 20,000 farms, as follows: Iowa, 32,530; Kansas, 32,321; Minnesota, 29,611; Nebraska, 27,335; Wisconsin, 21,792; and Ohio, 21,250.

Purchases through farmers' organizations in the United States in 1919 amounted to $84,615,669, or an average of $257 for each farm reporting. Important items purchased cooperatively were fertilizer, feed, binder twine, spraying materials, coal, crates and boxes, etc.

Five States reported over $4,000,000 as the value of farm supplies purchased through farmers' organizations.

MOVEMENT OF MILLET SEED SLOW AT UNCHANGED PRICES.

Demand Continues Dull—Quality of All Kinds of Millet Seed Equals that of 1920 Crop.

The movement of millet seed from growers' hands in most sections was slow during the two weeks ending Dec. 10. The larger jobbers were unable to interest seed dealers in early purchases and were reluctant to bid on samples submitted by country shippers and growers.

Little or no change took place in prices paid to growers during the two weeks. In the Tennessee district about $2 per 100 lbs. was offered for thrasher-run golden millet seed. An average price of 80¢ was paid to growers in the Kansas and Missouri districts for that variety and about 10¢ per 100 lbs. less for common millet. Although prices of Siberian millet in some sections of Kansas were about 5¢ under those for golden millet, in sections in other States more or less nominal prices of 80¢ to $1.20 were reported. Japanese millet brought $2.75 to $3.50 in New York and Iowa, respectively. Broomcorn millet prices varied considerably, ranging from 50¢ to $1. In general, millet-seed prices have not been well established and are apt to differ widely in a given district.

The quality of practically all kinds of millet seed is fully equal, if not superior, to that of last year for the country over. This is due largely to favorable weather at harvesting and thrashing time.

LIVE STOCK PRICES.

[Per 100 lbs.]

	Tuesday, Dec. 6.					Tuesday, Dec. 13.				
	Chicago.	East St. Louis.	Kansas City.	Omaha.	St. Paul.	Chicago.	East St. Louis.	Kansas City.	Omaha.	St. Paul.
HOGS.										
Top	$7.25	$7.25	$6.70	$6.60	$6.85	$7.40	$7.50	$6.75	$6.65	$7.00
Bulk of sales	6.75–7.00	7.00–7.15	6.50–6.70	5.75–6.40	6.00–6.75	6.75–7.10	7.10–7.35	6.40–6.65	6.00–6.50	6.00–6.85
Heavy (250 lbs. up), medium-choice	6.75–6.90	6.60–7.00	6.25–6.60	6.00–6.40	6.10–6.40	6.75–6.85	6.70–7.15	6.10–6.50	6.00–6.40	6.00–6.50
Medium (200–250 lbs.), common-choice	6.90–7.00	6.90–7.05	6.35–6.70	6.15–6.50	6.25–6.50	6.80–7.00	7.00–7.20	6.35–6.65	6.25–6.60	6.35–6.60
Light (150-200 lbs.), common-choice	6.90–7.20	6.85–7.10	6.40–6.70	6.30–6.50	6.50–6.85	6.95–7.30	7.10–7.50	6.45–6.70	6.40–6.65	6.50–6.85
Light lights (130–150 lbs.), common-choice	7.00–7.25	6.90–7.25	6.50–6.70	6.20–6.40	6.75–6.85	7.25–7.40	7.35–7.50	6.50–6.75	6.50–6.65	6.85–7.00
Packing sows (250 lbs. up), smooth	6.00–6.60	5.60–6.00	5.75–6.00	5.40–5.75	6.00–6.10	5.50–6.40	5.75–6.00	5.40–5.75	5.25–5.50	5.40–5.75
Packing sows (250 lbs. up), rough	5.75–6.15	5.25–5.60	5.25–5.75	5.00–5.40	5.75–6.00	5.25–5.75	5.25–5.75	5.00–5.40	4.75–5.25	5.25–5.50
Pigs (150 lbs. down), common-choice	6.90–7.25	6.50–7.25	.....	.....	6.75–7.00	7.25–7.40	6.50–7.50	.....	.....	7.00–7.25
Stock pigs (130 lbs. down)	.....	.....	6.00–7.00	6.00–7.00	6.50–7.00	.....	.....	6.00–7.00	6.25–6.75	7.00–7.25
CATTLE.										
Beef steers:										
Medium and heavy (1,100 lbs. up)—										
Choice and prime	9.25–11.00	8.75–10.25	8.15–10.15	8.25–10.25	.....	9.00–11.25	8.50–10.00	8.00–9.85	8.50–10.50	.....
Good	8.50–9.75	7.75–9.25	6.85–8.60	7.00–9.00	8.00–9.75	7.85–9.75	7.50–9.00	6.65–8.50	7.25–9.25	7.75–9.75
Medium	6.15–8.65	5.75–7.75	5.75–7.10	5.50–7.75	6.00–8.00	6.85–8.00	5.75–7.50	5.75–7.10	5.50–8.00	5.75–7.75
Common	5.25–6.15	4.75–5.75	4.60–5.75	4.50–5.50	5.00–6.00	5.50–6.85	4.75–5.75	4.65–5.75	4.50–5.50	5.00–5.75
Light weight (1,100 lbs. down)—										
Choice and prime	10.00–11.50	9.75–11.00	9.90–11.00	9.50–10.75	.....	10.00–12.00	9.75–11.25	9.60–10.75	9.75–11.00	.....
Good	8.85–10.00	8.50–9.75	7.00–9.85	7.25–9.50	8.50–10.25	8.50–10.00	8.25–9.75	6.90–9.50	7.50–9.75	8.25–10.25
Medium	6.00–8.85	5.50–8.50	5.60–7.25	5.25–7.25	6.00–8.50	6.65–8.50	5.75–8.25	5.60–7.15	5.25–7.50	5.75–8.25
Common	5.15–6.00	4.50–5.50	4.35–5.60	4.25–5.25	4.75–6.00	5.35–6.65	4.50–5.75	4.40–5.50	4.25–5.25	4.75–5.75
Butcher cattle:										
Heifers, common-choice	3.60–8.75	3.50–10.00	3.65–8.10	3.75–8.00	4.00–8.50	3.60–8.75	3.75–10.00	3.50–8.00	3.75–8.25	4.00–8.50
Cows, common-choice	3.35–6.25	3.25–5.50	3.50–5.50	3.25–5.25	3.50–6.25	3.40–6.50	3.50–5.75	3.25–5.35	3.25–5.50	3.25–6.00
Bulls, bologna and beef	3.15–6.00	3.00–5.50	2.75–4.90	2.75–5.75	2.75–5.00	3.35–5.75	3.00–5.50	2.75–4.85	2.75–5.75	2.75–4.75
Canners and cutters:										
Cows and heifers	2.40–3.35	2.25–3.25	2.25–3.50	2.50–3.50	2.25–3.25	2.00–3.40	2.00–3.25	1.50–3.25	2.00–3.25	1.50–3.00
Canner steers	2.75–3.75	2.25–3.50	2.50–3.25	2.75–3.75	2.50–3.00	2.75–3.75	2.25–3.50	2.25–3.25	2.75–3.75	2.50–3.00
Veal calves:										
Light and medium weight, medium-choice	6.25–9.25	5.00–9.00	6.50–9.00	5.75–8.50	4.50–7.50	6.50–9.75	5.00–9.25	5.75–8.00	5.75–8.50	4.50–8.00
Heavy weight, common-choice	3.00–8.25	3.00–8.00	4.00–7.50	3.75–7.00	2.75–5.00	3.00–8.25	3.00–8.25	3.00–7.00	3.75–7.00	2.75–5.50
Feeder steers:										
1,000 lbs. up, common-choice	4.85–6.60	4.50–6.00	4.75–6.65	4.50–6.60	4.25–6.00	5.00–6.60	4.75–6.00	4.75–6.65	4.50–6.60	4.50–6.00
750-1,000 lbs. common-choice	4.60–6.50	4.25–6.00	4.60–6.65	4.50–6.75	4.00–6.00	4.75–6.60	4.25–6.00	4.65–6.75	4.50–6.75	4.25–6.00
Stocker cattle:										
Steers, common-choice	3.75–6.40	3.25–6.25	3.65–6.50	3.50–6.75	3.75–6.00	4.00–6.40	3.50–6.25	3.75–6.50	3.50–6.75	4.00–6.00
Cows and heifers, common-choice	3.15–5.00	2.75–4.75	2.50–5.40	3.00–5.50	2.50–4.50	3.00–4.00	2.75–4.75	2.25–5.25	3.00–5.50	2.50–4.50
Calves—										
Good and choice	.....	5.00–6.50	5.75–7.00	5.50–7.00	.....	.....	5.00–6.50	5.25–6.75	5.50–7.00	.....
Common and medium	.....	3.75–4.75	3.75–5.50	3.50–5.50	.....	.....	3.75–4.75	3.00–5.00	3.50–5.50	.....
SHEEP.										
Lambs:										
84 lbs. down, medium-choice	9.75–11.00	8.75–10.25	8.50–9.80	9.75–10.25	8.50–10.00	10.25–11.50	9.25–11.00	8.75–10.25	9.50–10.35	9.25–10.50
85 lbs. up, medium-choice	.....	.....	.....	9.50–10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.25–10.00	.....
Culls and common	7.00–9.50	5.50–8.50	5.00–8.25	7.00–9.50	5.00–8.00	7.75–10.00	7.00–9.00	5.50–8.50	7.00–9.25	6.00–8.50
Feeding lambs	8.25–9.50	.....	7.25–8.75	8.00–9.00	6.00–8.25	8.75–10.25	.....	7.50–9.15	8.25–9.50	.....
Yearlings, wethers, medium-prime	6.50–9.50	5.50–8.25	5.50–8.00	6.75–8.00	5.50–8.00	7.25–10.00	6.00–9.00	6.00–8.50	6.50–7.75	6.25–8.50
Wethers, medium-prime	4.50–6.75	4.00–5.50	4.25–5.75	4.25–5.75	4.50–5.75	4.75–6.75	4.25–6.00	4.25–5.75	4.75–6.00	
Ewes:										
Medium, good and choice	3.50–5.75	3.00–4.25	3.50–4.75	3.25–4.75	3.00–4.50	3.50–5.75	3.75–5.50	3.50–4.75	3.25–4.75	3.50–4.75
Culls and common	2.00–3.50	1.50–2.75	1.50–3.25	1.00–3.00	1.00–2.50	2.00–3.50	1.50–3.50	1.50–3.25	1.25–3.00	1.50–3.00

RECEIPTS, SHIPMENTS AND LOCAL SLAUGHTER.

Markets.	Cattle and calves.			Hogs.			Sheep.		
	Receipts.	Shipments.	Local slaughter.	Receipts.	Shipments.	Local slaughter.	Receipts.	Shipments.	Local slaughter.
Week ending Dec. 3.									
Chicago	76,462	28,641	47,821	213,199	66,727	146,472	89,669	33,814	55,855
Denver[1]	17,470	12,438	2,252	7,795	169	6,521	33,644	30,589	3,019
East St. Louis	25,897	11,253	11,274	88,891	36,714	40,509	11,675	1,528	5,214
Indianapolis[1]	9,321	4,392	4,230	62,685	19,688	40,344	2,820	1,750	890
Kansas City	41,893	19,875	23,822	41,918	6,973	35,014	22,000	6,134	15,462
Oklahoma City	5,471	1,261	4,564	6,526	773	5,651	718	155	554
Omaha	21,805	10,542	11,263	48,610	15,075	33,535	51,762	7,794	43,968
St. Joseph[1]	11,037	3,959	7,231	52,606	5,541	47,041	15,641	.....	13,462
St. Paul[1]	23,902	9,864	10,602	68,429	16,765	35,424	12,744	4,000	6,983
Sioux City	10,479	6,225	5,186	25,744	8,728	15,187	11,046	3,202	9,029
Wichita[1]	5,136	3,918	1,919	8,462	.....	6,429	286	.....	290
Total	248,873	112,368	130,164	624,865	177,153	412,127	252,005	88,966	154,726
Week ending Dec. 10.									
Chicago	79,000	34,273	44,727	186,896	119,107	67,789	97,197	44,280	52,917
Denver[2]	11,481	10,082	1,006	4,292	869	3,369	19,359	23,181	1,237
East St. Louis	24,489	11,329	8,638	79,178	42,143	26,820	10,114	7,065	3,685
Indianapolis[2]	9,877	4,008	6,033	53,876	18,345	36,280	3,438	2,421	995
Kansas City	40,900	22,190	14,726	29,468	13,295	14,793	19,657	9,471	10,548
Oklahoma City	4,317	1,680	2,979	3,737	600	2,973	10	23	10
Omaha	20,041	11,175	8,854	26,374	18,612	7,762	32,080	22,373	9,707
St. Joseph[2]	11,988	2,225	9,597	41,254	8,446	32,539	17,179	893	16,554
St. Paul[2]	19,296	9,710	8,680	50,999	41,139	16,864	9,094	7,385	1,736
Sioux City	9,540	6,522	3,102	20,369	16,052	7,037	6,396	5,185	5,059
Wichita	4,374	2,760	648	4,344	905	3,970	.....	.....	5
Total	235,303	115,954	108,990	500,787	279,513	220,196	214,524	122,277	102,453
Week ending Dec. 17.									
Chicago	83,017	28,720	54,297	238,797	115,589	123,208	99,276	30,232	69,044
Denver[3]	10,705	7,996	1,295	5,982	982	3,212	22,222	20,405	1,453
East St. Louis	28,447	12,873	9,596	91,872	49,992	37,198	17,135	2,527	5,835
Indianapolis[3]	12,337	4,754	6,251	54,647	14,614	35,478	3,531	2,325	664
Kansas City	47,684	26,277	19,686	43,958	13,305	31,910	35,632	19,724	15,687
Oklahoma City	6,477	2,289	4,420	6,431	1,097	5,667	255	.....	131
Omaha	21,046	11,178	9,868	45,652	23,645	22,007	45,055	25,672	19,383
St. Joseph[3]	16,130	4,646	10,469	61,833	9,990	50,932	20,645	577	17,069
St. Paul[3]	16,953	6,725	10,397	60,616	27,421	25,619	10,910	3,958	6,746
Sioux City	11,395	6,617	3,317	29,030	21,108	4,676	5,568	4,476	2,377
Wichita[3]	4,430	3,950	765	5,487	829	5,331	1,876	1,844	22
Total	258,621	116,025	130,361	644,305	278,572	345,238	262,106	111,740	138,411

[1] Week ending Friday, Dec. 2. [2] Week ending Friday, Dec. 9. [3] Week ending Friday, Dec. 16.

CHICAGO WHOLESALE PRICES OF CURED PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS.

[Price per 100 lbs.]

	Dec. 16.	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.
Hams, smoked, 14-16 average	$21.00–21.50	$21.00–21.50	$21.00–22.00
Hams, fancy, 14-16 average	23.00–25.50	23.50–25.50	23.00–25.00
Picnics, smoked, 4-8 average	15.75–17.50	15.50–17.50	15.00–17.50
Bacon, breakfast, 6-8 average	20.00–21.00	20.00–21.00	20.00–22.00
Bacon, fancy, 6-8 average	27.50–32.00	28.50–32.00	28.00–32.00
Bellies, D. S., 14-16 average	12.50–13.00	12.50–13.75	12.75–13.50
Backs, D. S., 14-16 average	9.50–9.75	9.75–10.00	9.50–10.00
Pure lard, tierces	11.00–11.75	10.75–11.50	11.00–11.50
Compound lard, tierces	11.00–11.25	10.50–11.25	10.50–11.50

Wool Imports at Two Ports.

Imports of wool through the port of Philadelphia during the three-weeks' period ending Dec. 17 totaled 2,685 bales, weighing 1,202,869 lbs. and valued at $115,828. Imports at Boston during the same period totaled 4,751 bales, 495 bags, and 354 sheets, weighing in all 1,815,364 lbs. and having a valuation of $347,828.

From the standpoint of numbers of pure-bred Rambouillet sheep on hand Jan. 1, 1920, Utah led all the States with a total of 25,094. Montana was second with 17,041, and California third with 15,175.

Fruits and Vegetables

EARLY WINTER PRODUCE MARKETS ON STEADY PRICE BASIS.

Shipments Lighter but More Uniform to Meet Normal Demands—Prices Higher than Last Year's.

December produce markets have the usual winter appearance. Supplies are lighter, with less variety, but the quantity is more uniform and about equal to uormal average requirements. Average prices tend to advance more or less with decreasing supplies active cold weather demand, and the usual difficulties of winter transportation.

The carlot movement for the season to date is not larger than that of last year but merely earlier. Many crops were short but produce matured early and with a fairly good demand. There was great activity during the fall months. Shipmeuts during November and the first three weeks of December were not over two-thirds of the corresponding volume last season. Current decreases are most notable in potatoes, barreled apples, and cabbage.

Prices show no decided general trend. Potatoes have not fully held their own, although the market tone has been stronger since the first of December. Barreled apples have sold about the same as in November but have made some recoveries from November low points. Onions hold about steady. Cabbage and some lines of sweet potatoes are higher. Compared with a year ago prices are 25% to 50% higher for barreled apples and about four times as high for cabbage and onions but about the same for boxed apples and potatoes.

POTATO SHIPMENTS DECREASING.

Potatoes.—Shipments of potatoes are light, and are less than average weekly requirements. Shipments of the late crop for the season to date have been nearly one-third greater than in 1920. Haulings are reported light at nearly all shipping points and demand limited. Recent shipments have been chiefly from Maine, New York, and the North Central and Northwestern States. Prices Dec. 20 rauged $1.30 to $1.65 per 100 lbs. f. o. b. northern and eastern shipping poiuts, showing declines of 5¢ to 15¢ compared with a month ago. Idaho and Colorado growers are receiving 80¢ to 90¢ compared with 90¢ to $1.10 in November. Cousuming markets also show declines of 5¢ to 15¢ aud the general range is $1.65 to $2.10 compared with $1.75 to $2.25 a month ago. The present general price level is nearly the same as that of a year ago.

Apples.—Washingtou has shipped over one-half the boxed apples and over one-third of all apple shipments. Idaho this season ranks second, followed by Oregon and California. The commercial crop of Washington was 7,553,000 bbls. out of the estimated total boxed apple crop of 12,365,000 bbls. Shipments were 24,320 cars out of a total of 43,335 cars from the box apple States. Stocks of boxed apples in cold storage are about the same as those of barreled stock. Prices of boxed apples average about the same as a month ago. Extra Fancy boxed Jonathans rauged $2.50 to $3.25 compared with $2.25 to $3.25 the middle of November. Barreled apples have eased off slightly from the extreme top prices in November, but best grades of Baldwins bring $6 to $8 compared with $7 to $8 the preceding month and Greenings $9 to $9.50 compared with $8 to $10.50. Baldwins from cold storage in western New York sell mostly at $7.

Cabbage.—Cabbage shipments for November were not much over half those of November, 1920, and prices have advanced almost steadily since October. New York Danish type cabbage sells at $38 to $42 per ton bulk at shipping points, compared with $35 a month ago and $30 two months ago. This stock brings $40 to $45 in city markets compared with $38 to $45 the middle of November. Wisconsin Danish stock scored an earlier advance and is dull but firm at $50 to $55 in most middle western markets, compared with $45 early in the seasou.

Onions.—Prices of eastern yellow onions have held about steady since the early November rise. The jobbing range is still $5 to $6 per 100 lbs. Middle western onions started lower but have advanced close to the jobbing range of eastern stock having gained 50¢ to $1 during the month. The supply of Spanish onions is decreasing; they are selling at $4 to $6 per case. Onion shipments are light, about two-thirds those of a year ago and chiefly from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio. Indiana, and California. The total falls short of last season's by about one-fourth.

Sweet potatoes.—Sweet potatoes have retained the early November rise, but have shown little net change for barreled stock during the past four weeks. Markets are irregular, ranging $2.75 to $4.25 per bbl. for Virginia yellow stock. New Jersey's in bushel hampers have gained about 50¢ since the first of the season and about 10¢ since the middle of November, ranging now $1.75 to $2.75 in eastern markets. Tennessee Nancy Halls range $1.25 to $1.75 per bu. hamper in middle western markets compared with $1.15 to $1.40 a month ago and 75¢ to $1.25 the first of the season.

CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Commodity.	Week ending Dec. 17.	Week ending Dec. 10.	Week ending Dec. 3.	This season to Dec. 17.	Last season to Dec. 17.	Total last season.
Apples:						
Box sections	1,203	1,540	1,471	44,538	27,498	36,293
Barrel sections	334	340	376	22,707	56,181	72,422
Cabbage:						
Late	463	466	370	25,876	28,729	33,164
Early	27	16	19	[1] 110	[1] 46	[1] 25,876
Cauliflower	104	99	151	1,523	1,636	3,823
Celery	506	515	480	9,309	7,852	10,373
Lettuce:						
Late	10	17	41	18,187	12,478	12,480
Early	493	255	293	[1] 2,187	[1] 2,296	[1] 18,187
Onions	247	287	242	16,182	21,858	28,202
Potatoes:						
Sweet	489	490	431	11,189	10,751	17,839
White	2,393	2,498	2,604	143,113	127,508	196,953
Vegetables, Mixed:						
Old crop	181	220	190	14,789	12,425	13,387
New crop	46	28	33	[1] 227	[1] 174	[1] 14,789
Total	6,496	6,771	6,701	307,423	306,916	424,936

[1] Not included in totals.

The carlot movement of sweet potatoes like that of many other crops became active unusually early in the shipping season. The increase is about 500 cars. About one-half is accounted for by the gain from Virginia, the leading State in shipments of sweet potatoes.

PRICES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Jobbing Range.

POTATOES, Eastern and Northern Round Whites, No. 1, per 100 lbs. sacked.

Market.	Carloads received.[1]	Dec. 19.	Dec. 12.	Dec. 5.
New York	280	[2] $2.10–2.15	[2] $2.10–2.15	[2] $2.00–2.10
Boston	185	1.90–1.95	1.90–2.00	1.85–1.95
Philadelphia	105	1.90	2.00–2.10	1.90–2.00
Baltimore	34	2.05–2.15	2.10–2.15	2.00–2.15
Pittsburgh	70	2.00	2.05–2.10	1.95–2.00
Cincinnati	28	2.00	2.00	2.00
Chicago	183	[3] 1.60–1.75	[3] 1.65–1.80	[3] 1.60–1.75
St. Louis	74	.....	[4] 1.65	[3 4] 1.50–1.55
Kansas City	76	[3 4] 1.60	[3 4] 1.60	[3 4] 1.50

SWEET POTATOES, New Jersey and Delaware Yellow Varieties, Bu. Hamper.

New York	72	$1.40–2.00	$1.50–2.00	$1.75–2.00
Boston	21	1.85–2.00	1.85–2.00	2.00
Philadelphia	11	1.25–1.45	1.50	1.25–1.45
Baltimore	18	.....	.....	.....
Pittsburgh	30	1.50–1.90	1.65–2.15	2.00
Cincinnati	16	[5] 1.25–1.35	[5] 1.25–1.35	[5] 1.35–1.40
Chicago	28	[5] 1.25–1.50	[5] 1.25–1.35	[5] 1.15–1.25
St. Louis	0	[5] .90–1.00	[5] .90–1.00	[5] 1.25–1.35
Kansas City	5	[5] 1.10–1.25	[5] 1.15–1.25	[5] 1.25

CABBAGE, New York and Northern Danish Type, per Ton Bulk.

New York	83	$48.00–50.00	$50.00–55.00	$48.00–50.00
Boston	16	[6] 3.25	[6] 3.12–3.25	[6] 3.25–3.50
Philadelphia	35	50.00–55.00	45.00–50.00	45.00–48.00
Baltimore	31	45.00–50.00	50.00–55.00	48.00–52.00
Pittsburgh	33	55.00	50.00–53.00	50.00–52.00
Cincinnati	12	60.00	50.00	50.00
Chicago	61	48.00–50.00	50.00–55.00	48.00–50.00
St. Louis	30	50.00	55.00–60.00	50.00–55.00
Kansas City	11	[2] 3.00–3.50	[2] 3.00	[2] 3.25

ONIONS, Eastern, Middle Western and Western Yellow Globes, per 100 lbs. sacked.

New York	67	$5.00–5.25	$5.00–5.50	$5.25–5.50
Boston	40	5.50–5.75	5.50–5.75	5.50–5.75
Philadelphia	26	5.00–5.25	5.00–5.75	6.00–6.25
Baltimore	7	5.50–5.65	5.50	5.50–5.65
Pittsburgh	20	5.25–5.50	5.75–6.00	5.50
Cincinnati	7	5.50	5.50	5.25–5.50
Chicago	7	[7] 5.00–5.50	[7] 5.00–5.50	[7] 5.00–5.50
St. Louis	13	[7] 5.50	[7] 5.25–5.50	[7] 4.50
Kansas City	6	4.75–5.00	[7] 6.00	[7] 6.00

APPLES, Eastern Baldwins, A 2½ inch, Barrels.

New York	104	$7.50–8.00	$8.00–8.25	$7.50–8.00
Boston	5	6.00–6.50	[8] 6.00–7.00	[8] 5.50–6.00
Philadelphia	42	6.00–7.00	[8] 6.00–7.00	6.00–6.50
Baltimore	57	7.00–7.25	6.50	6.50–6.75
Pittsburgh	45	6.50–7.00	[8] 6.75–7.00	6.50
Cincinnati	4	[8] 6.75–7.00	[8] 6.75–7.00	[8] 6.50–6.75
Chicago	5	7.00–7.50	7.00–7.50	7.00–7.50

APPLES, Northwestern Extra Fancy Jonathans, Boxes.

New York	214	[9] $3.00	[9] $3.00–3.50	[9] $3.00–3.25
Boston	59	[10] 2.30–2.70	[10] 2.30–2.70	.....
Philadelphia	33	2.25–2.50	2.40–2.60	2.00–2.25
Pittsburgh	30	.....	2.00–2.50	2.25–2.50
Chicago	137	2.50–3.00	2.50–3.00	2.25–3.00
St. Louis	62	.....	.....	2.75
Kansas City	42	3.00	3.00	2.75–3.00

Prices f. o. b. Shipping Points.

POTATOES (100 lbs.).			
Rochester, N. Y.	.....	$1.65–1.70	$1.65
Presque Isle, Me.	[2] $1.36	[2] 1.41	[2] 1.31–1.41
Grand Rapids, Mich	1.50–1.55	1.50–1.55	1.42–1.52
Minneapolis, Minn.	1.45–1.50	1.35–1.50	1.30–1.35
Waupaca, Wis.	[11] 1.00	[11] 1.00	[11] 1.00
Greeley, Colo.	[12] .90	[12] .90	[12] .90
Idaho Falls, Idaho	[12] .80	[12] .80	[12] .90
ONIONS (100 lbs.).			
Massachusetts Points	5.00–5.25	5.25	5.25–5.50
CABBAGE (bulk ton).			
Rochester, N. Y.	40.00	42.00–43.00	37.00–38.00
Wisconsin Points	42.00–46.00	.....	.....
APPLES (bbls.).			
Rochester, N. Y.	.....	7.00	.....
APPLES (boxes).			
Spokane, Wash.	2.00–2.25	2.15	.....

[1] For week ending Dec. 19.
[2] Bulk per 100 lbs.
[3] Carlot sales.
[4] Minnesota Red River Ohios.
[5] Tennessee Nancy Halls.
[6] Barrels.
[7] Red varieties.
[8] Maine Baldwins No. 1.
[9] Spitzenburgs.
[10] Auction sales.
[11] Warehouse cash to growers.
[12] Wagonloads cash to growers.

Fruit and Vegetable Inspections Increasing in Terminal Markets.

During November inspectors of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates made 3,256 inspections in terminal markets, 134 more than during October which was the highest previous month of any season. Fruit inspections were 1,814 and vegetables 1,442. November work this year was 37% heavier than last year.

Philadelphia's 505 inspections were almost entirely of fruits. Pittsburgh handled 385 inspections, divided equally between fruits and vegetables. Chicago led with 635, and New York's total was 316. There were 859 inspections made for carriers during November, and 94 requests were declined for lack of time.

Navy inspections were lighter, totaling only 2,064,191 lbs. at the seven stations at which Federal inspectors are located. For the Marine Corps 249,527 lbs. of fruits and vegetables were inspected.

Inspections during November.

[Car lots and less.]

Markets.	Fruits.	Vegetables.	Total, Nov., 1921.	Total, Oct., 1921.	Total, Nov., 1920.
Atlanta	20	22	42	48	24
Baltimore	37	38	75	64	31
Boston	36	36	72	85	79
Buffalo	45	13	58	33	38
Chicago	335	300	635	583	292
Cincinnati	27	77	104	105	64
Cleveland	22	78	100	60	87
Columbus	7	15	22	36	24
Detroit	16	17	33	57	28
Fort Worth	16	9	25	33	.....
Harrisburg	(1)	(1)	(1)	3	.....
Houston	20	11	31	26	65
Indianapolis	22	19	41	51	62
Kansas City	61	41	102	141	115
Louisville	13	3	16	12	.....
Los Angeles	0	0	0	3	7
Memphis	25	35	60	63	32
Milwaukee	26	9	35	44	46
Minneapolis	36	92	128	226	67
New Orleans	23	55	78	80	74
New York	182	134	316	213	242
Norfolk	19	8	27	16	.....
Omaha	42	22	64	113	50
Philadelphia	472	33	505	391	365
Pittsburgh	193	192	385	423	445
San Francisco	0	0	0	3	2
St. Louis	68	154	222	156	83
Washington	44	27	71	49	42
Wilkes-Barre	7	2	9	5	.....
Total	1,814	1,442	3,256	3,122	2,364

[1] Report not received.

Movement of Soy Beans from Farms Below Normal.

Prices being offered growers for soy beans on Dec. 15 were lower than those offered a month ago and with few exceptions the movement of this crop is reported below normal.

In eastern North Carolina growers were being offered $2.50 per 100 lbs. for thrasher-run Mammoth Yellows with probably 15¢ per 100 lbs. premium for recleaned stock. This price is not attractive to growers and they are not selling freely except where forced to do so to meet financial obligations. About 15% of the crop is reported to have been sold up to Dec. 15. The quality of the 1921 crop soy beans for seed is good, and on the average somewhat better than that of the 1920 crop.

The movement of soy beans from farms in Sussex County, Delaware, is above normal. It is estimated that 65% of the crop had been sold by growers up to Dec. 15 at around $3.35 per 100 lbs. for recleaned stock. Growers in Illinois are selling good quality recleaned soy beans freely at around $2.90 per 100 lbs.

In Tennessee and Indiana the movement is below normal, only 5% of the crop having moved. Growers in Tennessee were being offered $2.35 per 100 lbs. for thrasher-run and $2.60 per 100 lbs. for recleaned soy beans.

CARLOAD SHIPMENTS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN NOVEMBER, SHOWN BY STATES.

Shipping districts.	November.		October,	Season to Nov. 26.		Total last season.
	1921	1920	1921	1921	1920	
APPLES (box areas).						
California	664	765	1,359	4,124	3,645	4,503
Colorado	382	750	2,067	3,144	2,524	2,856
Idaho	831	717	3,027	4,924	2,106	2,784
Montana	88	141	366	558	377	430
New Mexico	13	67	109	611	258	279
Oregon	1,766	1,079	2,136	4,116	1,997	3,169
Utah	59	207	476	699	588	620
Washington	7,743	4,967	12431	22,141	12,862	21,652
Total	11546	8,693	21971	40,317	24,357	36,293
APPLES (bbl. areas).						
Maine	1,116	140	1,836	3,086	184	414
Massachusetts	12	252	129	149	433	627
Michigan	78	1,300	1,956	4,894	5,735	6,174
New Hampshire	55	75	143	202	236	249
New York	1,116	7,996	5,587	10,689	19,602	33,829
Ohio	39	269	273	470	827	976
Vermont	12	51	113	142	127	133
Virginia	17	1,275	74	204	5,956	8,349
West Virginia	14	874	172	594	3,990	4,889
Other sections	18	2,162	277	1,184	13,909	16,782
Total	2,477	14394	10560	21,614	50,999	72,422
CABBAGE (late).						
Colorado	57	142	600	2,213	1,642	1,672
Maine	13	5	5	20	9	41
Minnesota	27	81	346	541	815	861
New York	1,626	2,704	2,349	4,730	4,486	8,382
Ohio	11	66	54	318	343	343
Pennsylvania	70	161	161	253	181	233
Washington	70	52	26	123	84	107
Wisconsin	336	1,155	1,130	1,887	3,357	4,900
Other sections	35	203	310	14,477	16,577	16,655
Total	2,245	4,569	4,981	24,562	27,494	33,194
CABBAGE (early).						
Calif., S. Dist	59	38	.....	48	38	684
CAULIFLOWER.						
Calif., N. dist	43	14	33	107	11	940
Calif., S. dist	426	520	148	504	471	1,990
N. Y., Long Island	119	156	218	339	538	541
N. Y., other	25	25	87	207	245	247
Other sections	3	1	7	12	1	105
Total	616	716	493	1,169	1,266	3,823
CELERY.						
Calif., N. dist	470	609	1	327	451	2,474
Calif., S. dist	41	32	12	50	24	860
Michigan	83	177	315	755	564	603
New Jersey	30	21	33	184	90	107
New York	697	933	1,067	1,803	1,826	2,793
Oregon	19	6	15	35	12	12
Other sections	10	33	249	4,652	3,508	3,524
Total	1,350	1,811	1,692	7,806	6,475	10,373
GRAPES.						
Calif., N. dist	659	797	6,292	12,764	11,654	11,654
Calif., C. dist	1,193	1,336	5,649	15,721	12,829	12,862
Calif., S. dist	13	6	438	1,837	2,452	2,456
Other sections	2	669	1,354	4,099	12,231	12,231
Total	1,867	2,808	13,733	34,421	39,166	39,203
LETTUCE (late).						
Idaho	75	9	92	174	25	26
New Jersey	298	240	70	413	508	515
New York	36	1	565	3,281	2,136	2,138
Va., Norfolk	34	11	1	33	13	13
Other sections	9	12	110	14,199	9,785	9,788
Total	452	273	838	18,100	12,467	12,480
LETTUCE (early.).						
California	923	851	350	1,138	940	8,812
Florida	23	264	0	8	195	2,843
MIXED VEGETABLES (old crop).						
Calif., N. dist	49	79	49	790	1,545	1,622
Calif., S. dist	535	611	398	2,960	3,884	4,565
Colorado	26	131	197	861	1,200	1,357
Maine	11	.....	.....	11	2	14
New Jersey	185	65	576	2,992	767	811
New York	131	116	147	397	319	616
Other sections	28	76	100	6,187	4,086	4,402
Total	965	1,078	1,467	14,198	11,803	13,387
MIXED VEGETABLES (new crop).						
Louisiana	83	54	.....	71	37	1,478
Mississippi	8	4	1	9	3	438
Texas	47	6	1	40	6	269
ONIONS.						
California	360	272	484	2,983	3,771	4,402
Colorado	23	12	188	279	65	149
Indiana	136	560	171	945	2,131	3,447
Iowa	17	121	34	332	779	870
Massachusetts	185	644	316	1,359	2,449	3,834
Michigan	18	138	101	217	380	769
Minnesota	22	70	62	137	200	276

Shipping districts.	November.		October,	Season to Nov. 26.		Total last season.
	1921	1920	1921	1921	1920	
ONIONS—contd.						
New York	227	468	528	1,864	1,391	3,081
Ohio	105	499	274	668	1,834	3,211
Oregon	35	5	132	229	9	19
Washington	15	14	19	530	757	789
Other sections	37	115	130	5,790	6,995	7,354
Total	1,180	2,918	2,439	15,333	20,761	28,201
TOMATOES.						
Calif., N. Dist	129	3	213	471	804	804
Calif., S. Dist	203	85	267	1,649	690	708
Other sections	.....	30	295	14,832	13,647	13,647
Total	332	118	775	16,352	15,141	15,159
SWEET POTATOES						
Alabama	33	33	40	449	303	483
Arkansas	29	72	39	75	95	464
California	151	165	204	584	573	708
Delaware	128	82	38	149	120	1,799
Georgia	69	53	49	168	162	961
Illinois	40	18	1	36	15	52
Kentucky	15	2	8	23	4	6
Louisiana	64	115	45	215	277	643
Maryland	104	153	274	578	570	1,473
Mississippi	22	32	18	63	46	74
New Jersey	224	275	394	1,033	975	2,929
North Carolina	43	48	61	595	574	862
Tennessee	73	50	155	377	169	898
Texas	82	125	121	348	320	617
Va., Eastern Shore	707	1,324	1,664	4,651	4,764	4,893
Va., Norfolk	19	90	34	243	290	635
Other sections	9	21	80	191	84	341
Total	1,812	2,658	3,225	9,778	9,341	17,838
WHITE POTATOES (main crop)						
Leading sections:						
Calif., N. Dist.	461	1,023	789	3,272	5,523	8,419
Colorado	1,280	1,481	2,338	7,338	6,447	11,395
Idaho	998	1,738	2,264	6,606	4,242	8,141
Iowa	4	57	25	60	861	923
Maine	2,882	2,046	4,623	12,230	5,232	17,810
Michigan	1,514	2,893	2,807	4,908	5,035	15,077
Minnesota	2,150	3,279	8,785	16,463	13,883	23,217
Montana	161	270	479	841	545	932
Nebraska	384	600	1,267	3,242	1,950	3,072
Nevada	74	115	125	198	127	415
N. Y., Long Island	303	905	998	3,710	3,532	5,503
New York, other	1,517	1,731	4,653	6,251	2,652	10,818
North Dakota	549	251	5,697	8,331	1,123	1,845
Oregon	161	364	99	369	337	1,756
Pennsylvania	520	1,879	1,046	2,000	3,423	6,470
South Dakota	92	96	1,785	2,931	1,795	1,927
Utah	37	83	177	1,028	445	563
Washington	852	756	1,166	2,625	1,889	3,751
Wisconsin	659	2,876	2,023	3,353	6,246	18,666
Total	14598	22443	41146	85756	65287	140700
Other States:						
Arizona	46	9	47	94	26	40
Calif., S. dist	10	6	8	2,218	1,586	1,694
Delaware	11	40	0	49	89	160
Kansas	15	7	64	2,463	1,965	1,982
Md., E. Shore	40	237	0	26	239	808
New Jersey	269	969	375	9,911	16,759	17,144
Vermont	63	18	109	180	34	89
Va., E. Shore	187	547	13	177	563	971
Va., Norfolk	190	192	22	200	170	446
Wyoming	38	106	399	615	429	543
Other sections	29	278	90	1,356	1,489	2,129
Total	898	2,409	1,127	17,289	23,349	26,006
Summary:						
Leading States	14598	22443	41146	85,756	65,287	140700
Other States	898	2,409	1,127	17,289	23,349	26,006
States through shipping	.....	.....	.....	32,204	30,220	30,263
Total	15496	24852	42273	135249	118856	196969

ALFALFA SEED REVIEW.

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approximately $12 for recleaned seed. Most growers have pooled their seed and only 10% or 15% of unsold or uncontracted seed, mostly of the inferior grades, remains in growers' hands in western Utah. Prices in California and Arizona declined $1 to $2 during the latter part of November and the first week of December. Thrasher-run seed in California was bringing on Dec. 15 about $12 and recleaned $13.50 to $14; in Arizona recleaned common was being bought at about $14.50 and Hairy Peruvian at $16 to $18.

Grain

PRICES TREND DOWNWARD DURING THREE-WEEK PERIOD.

Very Dull Flour Trade and Continuance of Drouth Conditions Are Outstanding Market Features.

The trend of grain prices was downward and a net decline of 1¢ to 6½¢ in wheat in the different markets and 1½¢ to 1¾¢ in corn in Chicago was recorded during the three weeks ending Dec. 19.

At times for several days consecutively, the general market was steady and without definite trend, and then a sharp break or an advance would occur, but with a downward tendency shown at the close of each week. The action of the market did not seem to reflect any change in fundamental conditions. Rather it seemed to reflect day to day conditions, without any attempt to anticipate conditions several weeks or months ahead. In this respect, the market of the last three weeks was a typical December market.

Particular features of the market have been a very dull flour trade in the United States and a continuance of drouth conditions in Kansas and Oklahoma. The dry weather there is causing real apprehension in the grain trade, and at times has been reflected in the market of late.

ACTIVE EXPORT BUSINESS.

Sudden strength asserted itself in the market on the 19th, apparently due to some change in sentiment as a result of a combination of bullish factors, the most important of which was an active export business in wheat, with sales of 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 bus. to Italy and Greece reported.

The net decline in the December futures for the three weeks ending Dec. 19 was as follows: Chicago December wheat 5½¢ and December corn 1¾¢; Minneapolis December wheat 6½¢, Kansas City 4½¢, and Winnipeg 1¢. The May futures recorded the following declines: Chicago May wheat 3¢ and May corn 1½¢; Minneapolis May wheat 3¾¢, Kansas City 3½¢, and Winnipeg 2½¢.

Premiums on cash grain in the Chicago market showed but little change during the period under review. On Dec. 19 No. 2 Red Winter wheat sold at 1½¢ to 2½¢ over May, while No. 2 Hard Winter wheat sold at 2¢ to 4¢ under May. No 2 Mixed corn sold at 4½¢ under May and No. 2 Yellow at 4¢ under.

Minneapolis reported on the 19th that flour trade was light although there was an improved inquiry. No. 1 Dark Northern wheat showed some decline for the period under review as compared with the futures. On the 19th No. 1 Dark Northern sold at 6¢ to 16¢ over Minneapolis May and No. 2 Dark Northern at 3¢ to 13¢ over. The price paid to farmers for No. 1 Dark Northern in the central North Dakota district on the 19th was $1.04¼.

Kansas City reported mill and export demand for wheat as dull on the 19th. No. 2 Dark Hard Winter wheat sold on that date at 1½¢ over Kansas City May. The price paid to farmers for No. 2 Hard Winter in the central Kansas district was 88¢.

The visible supply statement issued on the 19th showed an increase of 733,000 bus. of wheat in the United States for the preceding week. The total on that date was 48,070,000 compared with 47,376,000 a year ago.

The corn market during the period under review was about as featureless as possible. Prices were influenced somewhat by the fluctuations in wheat. The situation in corn is a waiting one to even a greater extent than in wheat. The corn market was firmer on the 19th than on any other day during the period under review. Chicago reported that elevator interests and shorts were good buyers on that day. The visible supply statement showed an increase of 2,308,000 bus. for the week ending Dec. 17. This brought the total supply up to 18,258,000 compared with 4,127,000 a year ago.

GRAIN PRICES.

Daily Average of Cash Sales at Certain Markets.

[Cents per bushel.]

WHEAT.

		Week ending Friday, Dec. 2.						Week ending Friday, Dec. 9.						Week ending Friday, Dec. 16.					
		Sa.	Mo.	Tu.	Wd	Th.	Fr.	Sa.	Mo.	Tu.	Wd	Th.	Fr.	Sa.	Mo.	Tu.	Wd	Th.	Fr.
CHICAGO.																			
Dark Northern Spring	No. 3	....	125	120	....	125	....	....	123	....	119¾	....	....	....	....	118	118	....	....
Hard Winter	No. 2	....	....	....	....	....	....	115½	115½	....	112	112¼	113¼	....	....	....	....	109	110
Yellow Hard Winter	No. 3	110½	....	....	....	....	....	....	111¼	109	104	109¼	109¼	....	....	106	....	....	....
Red Winter	No. 2	....	125	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	117	....	....	....	....
MINNEAPOLIS.																			
Dark Northern Spring	No. 1	137	141	142	136	139	137	136	133	130	130	131	133	132	132	128	129	126	130
	No. 2	133	136	135	131	131	130	132	132	127	126	128	127	127	126	123	121	121	125
	No. 3	126	129	131	125	128	126	125	122	119	118	119	122	120	120	119	116	117	121
	No. 4	121	123	123	117	121	118	116	114	112	112	113	113	114	113	113	109	110	113
Northern Spring	No. 1	135	134	143	....	132	....	....	....	129	130	130	....	....	128	123	127	125	126
	No. 2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	129	122	120	....	117	....	125	118	123	....	....
	No. 3	....	....	122	120	122	117	120	116	111	....	....	114	114	118	114	108	112	116
	No. 4	111	118	120	112	116	113	111	110	109	108	109	108	109	112	113	105	105	110
KANSAS CITY.																			
Dark hard winter	No. 1	123	118⅜	122½	120	123½	115	117⅞	116	118	....	113	112	....	117⅜	112	....	114½	....
	No. 2	120¾	122¼	119⅝	120½	123½	119½	119	117⅜	116⅞	112½	114¼	116⅜	117	114⅞	112	112	112⅜	114⅜
	No. 3	118¾	120¼	119½	119⅝	120⅝	118	116½	116	115	112	112	115	115¼	114	111⅛	110⅝	111	112½
	No. 4	....	119	119⅜	....	120	120	114	114	112	109	....	....	....	....	110	100	107½	....
Hard winter	No. 1	111	112⅜	113	113	112½	112½	113⅜	112	110⅛	....	107½	109	110	109⅜	105⅜	105⅜	107½	107⅝
	No. 2	113⅜	115	112⅜	112½	112⅜	115½	113⅛	113¼	110	106½	107⅜	110⅜	110⅜	108⅜	105	106	106½	107¼
	No. 3	111¼	114	113½	111⅜	115¼	111½	111⅜	111⅜	109⅜	103⅜	107⅜	109	108½	107¼	104⅜	107⅜	104⅜	106½
	No. 4	107½	113	108½	114	112⅜	109	107¼	110	108	103	....	104	109	105¼	98⅜	103	98	107
Yellow Hard Winter	No. 2	108	108⅞	107½	107	....	107	....	....	107	101	103	....	....	106	....	....	....	....
	No. 3	106	108	106	....	108	....	107	106	....	....	102	....	....	105	....	102	....	....
Red Winter	No. 2	....	115	113	....	....	....	....	113	....	109½	....	112	....	112	....	....	110	....
	No. 3	111	....	....	....	111⅝	110	108	110	108	....	108	112	110	110	103	107	107½	108
	No. 4	....	....	104	104½	....	103	....	103	102⅜	....	104¼	....	....	110	....	104	100½	101
OMAHA.																			
Hard Winter	No. 2	109	108½	....	110	113	....	105½	113	112	105	104	....	105	106½	102	107	102⅜	105
	No. 3	105	113	....	107½	111	....	111	110	....	101½	....	105	106½	105⅜	99⅜	105	101	101
	No. 4	....	103	....	103	106	....	102	102	100	98	....	....	103¾	....	....	....	....	....
Yellow Hard Winter	No. 1	105	108	....	....	....	106	....	....	....	....	101	....	....	103	....	....	....	....
	No. 2	104	106½	....	106	....	104¾	104⅜	102	100	97⅜	100	....	102⅜	102¼	....	....	101	102½
	No. 3	102	104	102	103⅜	....	103½	102	100⅜	98	96	99½	99½	101	100½	98½	99	98	100
ST. LOUIS.																			
Red Winter	No. 2	123	125	125	125½	125	124	126	125½	123	119½	122½	122	123¾	122⅜	122	121	120	123¼
	No. 3	118¼	120¾	122	120	120	118	118	118½	116½	....	114¼	114	116½	116¼	....	115½	117¼	118
	No. 4	115	....	104	116	112	....	112	109¾	107¼	106½	108	108½	....	111	....	108¾	108	108

CORN.

CHICAGO.																			
White	No. 1	50½	50½	49¼	....	50½	50	50⅜	50	49½	....	49½	....	....	49¼	....	....	....	....
	No. 2	50⅜	50¼	49	48½	49⅜	49½	50	49½	49	48¼	49¼	49½	49¼	49¼	48⅜	47⅛	47½	47½
	No. 3	49½	49¼	48	47¼	49⅛	48¼	49	48¼	48	47¼	48¼	48½	48¼	47⅜	46½	45⅜	45⅜	45
	No. 4	48	48¼	48	47½	49	48½	48½	47¼	47¼	47	48¼	48¼	47¼	47	45¾	45¼	45	44½
Yellow	No. 1	51½	50⅜	49½	49¼	50¼	50¼	51	50	49⅞	49¼	50	50	50	49½	48½	48	48¼	....
	No. 2	50⅜	50½	49½	49	50	49⅜	50¼	49⅜	49	48½	49¼	49⅜	49⅜	49¼	48	47¼	47⅜	47⅜
	No. 3	49⅜	49¼	48½	48	49¼	48⅜	49	48½	48	47⅜	48⅜	48⅜	48¼	47¼	46¼	46	45⅜	45½
	No. 4	48¼	48⅜	47¾	47½	48⅜	48¼	48⅜	48	47¼	47	48¼	48	47¾	47	46	45¼	45	44¼
Mixed	No. 1	51	50	49	48⅜	49¼	49⅜	50½	49½	49¼	48¼	49	50	49¼	48¾	....	47½	....	47¼
	No. 2	50¼	50½	48⅜	48¼	49¼	49¼	50	49¼	48⅜	48	48¾	49½	49	48⅜	47⅜	47	47	47⅛
	No. 3	49½	49¼	48¼	47½	49	48¼	49	48¼	48	47¼	48¼	48¾	48¼	47⅜	46¼	45⅜	45¼	45
	No. 4	48¾	48¾	48	47½	49	48	48⅜	47¾	47½	46⅜	48¼	48	47¾	47	45⅜	45¼	45	44½
MINNEAPOLIS.																			
Yellow	No. 2	42¼	42	....	41⅜	41⅜	42¼	42⅜	42¼	41¼	41	42¼	43¼	42	40¾	40	39⅜	39½	....
	No. 3	43	41	41	40½	41¼	41½	41⅝	40⅜	40½	40	40½	40½	40½	40	38½	38⅜	38½	39
	No. 4	....	40	....	....	....	40	....	39¾	40½	39½	....	40	39½	....	....	37	37½	....
KANSA CITY.																			
White	No. 1	42¾	....	....	....	42	42¼	42⅜	42	41½	41	41¼	....	42	....	....	40½	41	....
	No. 2	42½	43	42½	43	42	42¼	42⅜	42	....	41½	41	42	42	41½	41	40½	41	41
	No. 3	42	....	42¼	42½	....	....	....	....	41¼	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Yellow	No. 1	....	....	46	....	....	....	44⅜	43	43	42	....	43	42½	42	41	....	40¾	....
	No. 2	44	45	46	....	45	44⅜	44	43	42½	42	....	43	42⅜	42	41¼	41	....	42
	No. 3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41½	....	42½	....	....	....	....	....	....	42
Mixed	No. 1	42½	43	42½	....	42¼	42¼	43¼	42½	....	41	....	42½	42	....	....	....	40¾	....
	No. 2	42¾	42½	42¼	....	42	42	42	41⅝	41½	41½	41⅜	42	42	41⅜	41	40½	40¼	41
OMAHA.																			
White	No. 1	41¼	39½	39	39	40½	40¼	40½	40½	....	....	40⅛	40¼	40½	39¾	39	38¾	38½	39
	No. 2	41⅜	39⅝	39	39	40½	39¾	40½	40½	40	39½	40	40	40½	39⅝	39	38¼	38½	38½
	No. 3	41	....	....	39	40	40	40½	40	....	39⅞	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Yellow	No. 1	41½	40	39½	39½	41	40¾	41½	40½	41	39¾	40½	40½	40½	40	39⅜	39	39	38¾
	No. 2	41½	40	39⅝	39½	40½	40⅜	41⅜	40½	40	39¼	40½	40¼	40⅜	40	39⅛	38¾	38½	38⅝
	No. 3	41	39½	39	38⅜	40⅜	40	41	40	40	39½	39⅜	40	40	39½	39	38¼	38½	38½
Mixed	No. 1	41¼	39⅜	38½	39	40⅜	40⅜	40⅝	....	40⅜	40½	40	....	40½	39⅜	39	38⅝	....	38⅜
	No. 2	41¼	....	38½	39	40	39¾	40½	40¼	40⅜	39½	40	40	40⅜	39⅜	38⅞	38¼	38½	38⅜
	No. 3	....	39½	38½	....	39⅜	39	....	....	....	39	40	39½	40	39½	38¼	....	38¼	38⅜
ST. LOUIS.																			
White	No. 1	....	....	49	49	50½	50	50½	50½	....	50⅜	50½	49½	49½	49	....	48	47½	....
	No. 2	50	49¾	49	48⅜	49½	50	....	50	....	48½	49½	49½	49	48¼	48	47¼	47½	47
	No. 3	....	....	....	47¼	48	48	....	48½	48½	....	49	....	48¼	47¼	....	46	47¼	46
Yellow	No. 1	51½	51½	50¾	50	50¾	50¾	51	51	....	49¾	50¾	50½	50	49½	48	48	....	48
	No. 2	51¼	50½	49⅞	49	50	50	50¾	50	49	49	50	50	49½	49	48	47½	48	47½
	No. 3	50½	50¼	49½	49	49½	49	49⅞	49½	48¾	48¼	49¼	49	49	48	47	47	48¼	46¾
	No. 4	49¾	49¼	48½	47½	....	48	49	48½	48	47⅜	48¼	48½	48	47	46	46	46	46

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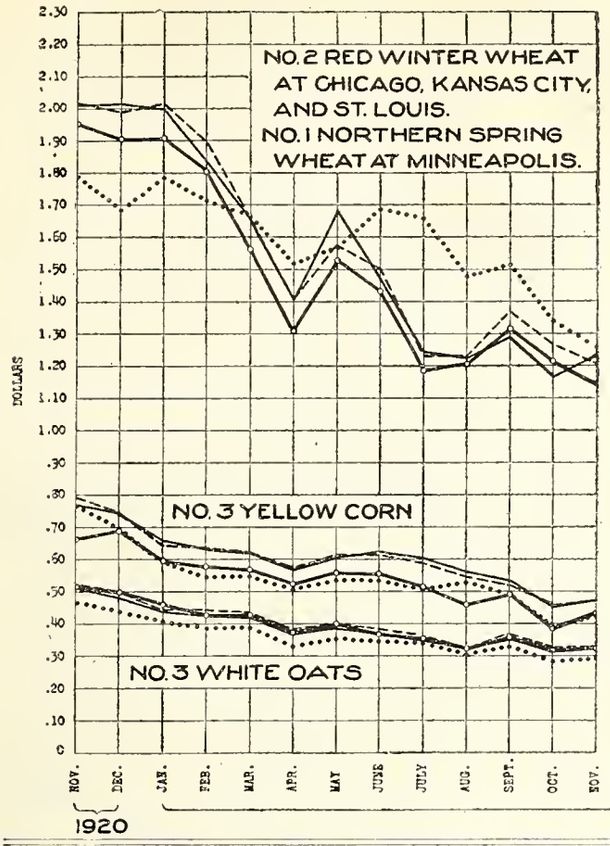
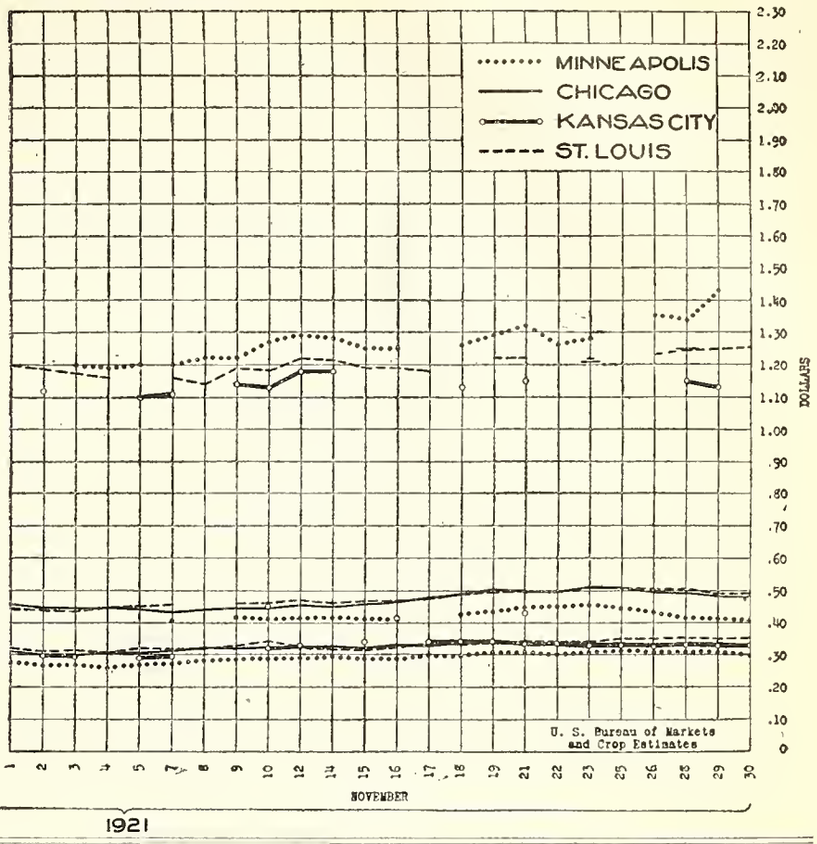
AVERAGE PRICES PER BUSHEL OF CERTAIN GRADES OF WHEAT, CORN, AND OATS AT FOUR MARKETS.





GRAIN PRICES.

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OATS.

		Week ending Friday, Dec. 2.						Week ending Friday, Dec. 9.						Week ending Friday, Dec. 16.					
		Sa.	Mo.	Tu.	Wd	Th.	Fr.	Sa.	Mo.	Tu.	Wd	Th.	Fr.	Sa.	Mo.	Tu.	Wd.	Th.	Fr.
CHICAGO.																			
White	No. 1	....	....	....	....	....	....	39½	39	....	....	....	40	....	....	....	....	....	....
	No. 2	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	36⅛	36	37⅛	35⅝	35⅛	37	35	35⅛	38	36	36	36	35¼	36	36½
	No. 3	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛	33	33¼	33⅛	33⅝	33⅛	33⅛	33¼	33⅛	34⅛	34	34	33⅜	33⅜	33⅛	34
	No. 4	31⅛	31⅝	32	31½	32¼	32⅜	32¼	32⅛	32⅛	31¾	32¼	32⅛	32⅜	33	32⅛	32⅝	32¼	33
MINNEAPOLIS.																			
White	No. 2	33	31½	31¾	30⅜	31	30⅜	31½	31¼	31	30¼	31	31	31⅛	30¼	30	30	30	30¼
	No. 3	30½	30⅜	30½	29⅜	30¼	30¼	30⅛	30⅛	30	29½	29¾	30	30⅛	30	29	29	29	29½
	No. 4	30	30	....	29½	29¼	29¾	30	30	29⅜	29⅛	....	29½	30	29¼	27½	28⅛	28¼	29
KANSAS CITY.																			
White	No. 2	....	....	33½	34	....	....	....	34½	....	34	33	....	....	....	33½	....	....	....
	No. 3	32½	33	32¾	33	33	33	34	33⅜	32⅜	32⅝	....	....	....	32⅝	32¼	31½	....	33
	No. 4	32	32½	31⅜	....	32	31½	....	31½	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
OMAHA.																			
White	No. 2	....	30½	....	....	31	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30¾	31	....	30	....	30
	No. 3	30½	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛	30½	30¼	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛	29½	30	30⅛	30⅝	30	29⅝	29	....	29⅝
	No. 4	29⅝	29⅝	30	....	30⅛	29¾	30⅛	30	29⅞	29¼	29½	29⅝	29¾	29⅝	29	28¾	28½	29⅛
ST. LOUIS.																			
White	No. 2	....	....	....	....	....	....	36½	37	37	39	....	....	....	35¾	35	36⅛	34½	38½
	No. 3	35	35¼	35	35⅛	35	35⅛	35⅞	35	34⅜	34¼	35⅛	35⅛	35	34	33⅜	33⅛	33⅞	33⅜
	No. 4	34⅜	34⅜	....	34¼	34¾	34	34¼	34½	34¼	33¾	34½	34⅛	34½	33½	32¾	33	33¼	33½

RYE.

CHICAGO.																			
No. 2		....	87½	86	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	84½	84¾	87	....	84	....	....	85½
MINNEAPOLIS.																			
Western	No. 2	79½	81¼	81	77¾	81	79	79½	80	79½	77½	77	79	79½	79	77	77	76	78

Daily Closing Prices of Futures.

CHICAGO.																			
Wheat	Dec.	112⅜	114¼	111⅜	113⅝	113⅛	113⅜	112⅝	112	109⅜	108⅛	110½	110⅜	110¾	109¾	108¼	107	108	107⅜
	May	115⅜	117⅞	115½	117⅝	116⅞	117⅝	116⅜	115⅛	112⅝	111⅞	114	114	114⅝	113⅜	111⅞	111	112⅝	112⅞
Corn	Dec.	49	49	47⅞	48	47⅞	48¼	48⅛	48	46⅜	46⅝	48¼	48¼	48	47¼	46⅝	46	46⅝	46⅜
	May	54⅜	54¾	53⅝	54⅜	54¼	54⅝	54⅝	54	53¼	53⅜	54⅝	54⅝	53⅞	53⅞	52¾	53⅜	53	53
Oats	Dec.	33⅜	33	32½	32⅜	32⅝	32⅞	32½	32¼	32	32	32⅜	32¼	32⅜	32¼	32	31⅞	32¼	32¼
	May	38½	38⅜	38⅝	38⅝	38¼	38½	38½	38¼	37¾	37½	38⅜	38⅝	38¼	38⅛	37⅜	37½	37¼	38
KANSAS CITY.																			
Wheat	Dec.	104¼	106½	103⅝	105⅞	105⅛	105⅛	104⅜	103¼	100⅛	99⅛	102⅛	103⅞	103⅛	102⅛	99½	98⅜	99½	100⅛
	May	108⅜	110⅜	107⅝	110⅛	109	109⅞	108⅜	107⅜	104⅜	103⅛	106⅜	107⅜	106⅞	105⅜	104	103⅛	104⅜	105⅝
Corn	Dec.	41⅜	41⅞	40⅛	41⅜	40⅞	42	41⅝	40⅞	40⅜	40⅜	41⅞	42⅛	41⅜	41⅝	40⅛	39⅝	39⅜	39⅝
	May	47½	47⅞	46⅛	47⅝	46⅞	47⅞	47⅜	47⅛	46⅜	46⅝	47⅛	47⅝	47⅜	46⅝	46⅛	45⅞	46⅛	46
Oats	Dec.	31	31	30⅜	31⅛	31½	31⅞	31⅜	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜	31⅝	31⅞	31⅜	31⅜	31	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
	May	35⅝	36	35⅞	35⅞	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛	36	35⅞	35⅛	36⅛	36⅛	36	35⅝	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	35⅝

The price paid growers for cowpeas produced in any year is almost invariably highest during the period from Mar. 15 to June 15 of the following year, and in most years the price is lowest during October and November.

As usual after the early part of the season, New York and Wisconsin have become the principal cabbage shipping States, but the movement from Wisconsin is light compared with a year ago.

GRAIN EXPORTS.

Wheat Inspected Out Under American Grades Only. Flour Not Included.

[Thousands of bushels; i. e., 000 omitted.]

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Week ending Dec. 3:					
Atlantic ports[1]	3,621	925	.....	4	312
Gulf ports[2]	412	273	3	.....	.....
Pacific ports[3]	874	.....	.....	131	.....
Total	4,907	1,198	3	135	312
Week ending Dec. 10:					
Atlantic ports[1]	1,400	628	.....	67	403
Gulf ports[2]	836	522	.....	.....	169
Pacific ports[3]	439	.....	19	634	.....
Total	2,675	1,150	19	701	572
Week ending Dec. 17:					
Atlantic ports[1]	1,186	1,340	.....	.....	257
Gulf ports[2]	1,164	1,806	15	.....	.....
Pacific ports[3]	437	.....	.....	33	21
Total	2,787	3,146	15	33	278
Total July 1 to Dec. 17, 1921	129,146	16,332	514	16,944	4,888
Corresponding period last year	146,779	3,949	2,385	11,566	20,038

[1] Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Portland, Me., and Newport News.
[2] New Orleans, Galveston, Texas City, and Port Arthur, Tex.
[3] Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria, Portland, Oreg., and San Francisco.

The number of turkeys on farms in the United States on Jan. 1, 1920, was 3,627,028, compared with 3,688,708 on Apr. 15, 1910; the number of ducks in 1920 was 2,817,624, compared with 2,906,525 in 1910; and the number of geese in 1920 was 2,939,203, compared with 4,431,980 in 1910. These figures have been announced by the Census Bureau.

Hay and Feed

HAY PRICES SLIGHTLY LOWER IN AN INACTIVE MARKET.

Buyers Continue to Await Lower Freights December 27th—Receipts Exceed Limited Demand.

Receipts of hay continue fairly heavy and are mostly of No. 2 and lower grades, according to reports from the principal hay markets for the week ending Dec. 17. Eastern markets with the exception of Boston were weak but prices held steady except on lower grades. Prices at the central western markets were 50¢ to $2 lower. Receipts were slightly in excess of the limited demand, buyers being inclined to hold off purchasing until freight rate reductions become effective Dec. 27.

Kansas City reported some slight improvement in inquiries for alfalfa. Country shippers are said to be anxious to move their surplus stocks but can not find buyers.

A good demand and firm prices prevailed in the Pacific coast markets during the week. The demand for straw was somewhat improved but prices were practically unchanged.

RECEIPTS IN CARLOADS.

Receipts of hay in carloads at the principal markets for the weeks ending Dec. 3, 10, and 17, 1921, are shown in the following table:

Cities.	1921		
	Dec. 17.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 3.
Boston	38	27	45
New York	220	199	78
Philadelphia	98	126	110
Pittsburgh	112	111	93
Cincinnati	230	149	126
Chicago	319	327	345
Minneapolis-St. Paul	162	203	116
Kansas City	358	287	348
Omaha	.....	105	62
Los Angeles	149	99	90
San Francisco	73	64	.....

Prices of Wheat Feed Show an Unprecedented Advance.

There was an unprecedented advance in wheat feed prices during the last three weeks due to light offerings caused by low production by flour mills. The rise was accelerated by short covering and a temporary good demand from sections where weather conditions were unusually severe.

Quotations of other feedstuffs were advanced by manufacturers and jobbers in sympathy with wheatfeed prices. Rather light stocks of some feedstuffs justified increased prices, but prices of other feeds were advanced despite heavy production and plentiful stocks.

Generally speaking, the demand is subnormal. Supplies in retail dealers' hands are reported as good and storage stocks are heavier than at the same time last year.

Offerings of high protein feeds continue good, particularly of cottonseed meal. An improved export demand took care of surplus stocks of linseed meal. Receipts were quite ample to meet the demand. The movement was fair.

CARLOAD PRICES OF HAY AND FEED AT IMPORTANT MARKETS.

[In dollars per ton.]

Commodity.	Dec. 17.													Dec. 10.						Dec. 3.					
	Boston.[1]	New York.[1]	Philadelphia.[1]	Atlanta.	Memphis.[1]	Cincinnati.[1]	Pittsburgh.[1]	Chicago.[1]	Minneapolis.[1]	Kansas City.[1]	Omaha.[1]	San Francisco.[1]	Los Angeles.[1]	Philadelphia.[1]	Chicago.[1]	Minneapolis.[1]	Kansas City.[1]	Cincinnati.[1]	Memphis.[1]	Philadelphia.[1]	Chicago.[1]	Minneapolis.[1]	Kansas City.[1]	Cincinnati.[1]	Memphis.[1]
HAY.																									
Timothy and clover:																									
No. 1 timothy	29.50	28.50	23.50	28.00	23.50	20.00	21.50	21.00	17.50	13.50	.....	.....	.....	23.00	23.00	18.50	14.00	21.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	19.00	14.00	20.50	24.00
Standard timothy	.....	27.50	22.00	26.00	.....	.....	20.50	20.00	16.50	13.00	.....	.....	.....	22.00	21.00	17.00	12.50	.....	.....	22.00	22.00	18.00	12.50	.....	.....
No. 2 timothy	26.50	26.50	21.00	24.00	22.00	18.50	19.00	18.00	16.00	10.50	.....	.....	.....	20.00	20.00	16.50	11.00	19.50	22.00	20.00	20.50	17.50	10.75	19.00	22.00
No. 1 light clover mixed	.....	26.50	20.00	26.00	21.50	18.50	19.50	19.00	16.50	13.50	.....	.....	.....	19.00	21.00	16.50	14.00	19.00	.....	20.00	21.00	17.00	13.00	18.75	22.50
No. 1 clover, mixed	23.50	25.00	.....	26.00	.....	17.00	19.50	17.50	16.00	11.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	16.00	11.50	18.00	.....	.....	19.00	17.00	11.50	17.50	.....
No. 1 clover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.00	21.50	18.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.00	17.00	.....	21.50	.....	.....	19.00	18.00	.....	22.00	.....
Alfalfa:																									
No. 1 alfalfa	.....	27.00	.....	30.00	24.50	21.00	.....	24.00	21.00	20.00	16.50	18.00	25.00	.....	24.00	21.00	20.50	21.50	25.00	.....	24.00	21.00	20.50	21.00	24.50
Standard alfalfa	.....	.....	.....	28.00	23.00	19.00	.....	21.00	19.50	16.50	14.50	16.00	19.50	.....	22.00	19.50	17.75	20.00	23.00	.....	22.00	20.00	17.50	19.00	23.00
No. 2 alfalfa	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	15.00	.....	18.00	16.00	14.50	12.00	15.00	18.00	.....	19.00	17.00	13.50	16.00	21.00	.....	19.00	17.00	14.50	16.00	21.00
Prairie:																									
No. 1 upland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00	15.00	11.00	12.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00	15.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....	18.00	16.00	11.50	.....	.....
No. 2 upland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	13.00	10.00	10.50	.....	.....	.....	16.00	13.00	9.50	.....	.....	.....	16.00	14.50	9.00	.....	.....
No. 1 midland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.00	10.50	8.50	11.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00	10.00	8.50	.....	.....	.....	15.00	10.50	8.50	.....	.....
Grain:																									
No. 1 wheat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 1 oat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00	24.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FEED (bagged).																									
Wheat bran:																									
Spring	30.00	29.50	29.00	31.00	.....	27.50	28.50	25.25	21.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.00	24.25	20.25	.....	25.50	.....	26.75	22.25	18.00	.....	25.50	24.00
Soft winter	31.50	30.00	31.00	31.00	25.50	28.00	[2] 29.50	.....	.....	21.50	.....	26.00	26.00	30.00	.....	.....	19.00	26.00	23.50	.....	.....	.....	19.50	26.00	24.50
Hard winter	30.50	30.00	29.50	31.00	.....	27.50	28.50	25.25	.....	21.00	20.00	.....	24.00	29.00	23.75	.....	18.50	25.50	.....	.....	23.25	.....	19.00	25.50	.....
Wheat middlings:																									
Spring (standard)	31.00	30.50	30.00	30.00	.....	29.00	29.00	25.25	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.25	24.00	20.50	.....	26.50	.....	27.50	22.25	18.50	.....	26.00	.....
Soft winter	.....	.....	32.00	32.00	.....	30.00	31.00	.....	.....	22.50	.....	.....	.....	32.00	.....	.....	22.00	28.00	.....	31.00	.....	.....	23.00	30.00	.....
Hard winter	.....	.....	.....	30.00	.....	29.00	31.50	.....	.....	22.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.50	26.50	.....	28.00	.....	.....	22.50	26.00	.....
Hard winter wheat shorts	.....	.....	.....	30.00	26.50	.....	30.00	.....	.....	20.50	.....	26.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	26.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	26.00
Wheat millrun	32.00	.....	31.00	31.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.50	22.00	23.00	.....	31.00	.....	.....	19.50	.....	.....	28.00	.....	.....	21.00	.....	.....
Rye middlings	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	26.50	.....	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	21.00	16.50	.....	20.00	.....
High protein meals:																									
Linseed	52.00	52.50	52.50	.....	.....	47.00	51.50	47.00	44.00	47.50	48.50	.....	.....	49.50	44.25	42.00	46.00	46.75	.....	48.00	43.50	41.00	45.00	46.75	.....
Cottonseed (41%)	48.00	48.00	47.50	.....	38.00	43.75	45.50	44.50	.....	41.50	.....	.....	.....	45.75	42.25	.....	42.00	41.50	35.50	45.50	42.25	.....	.....	41.25	35.00
Cottonseed (36%)	44.50	44.50	44.00	35.00	35.00	42.25	41.50	41.75	.....	40.00	.....	44.00	40.00	43.00	40.25	.....	41.00	39.00	33.50	43.00	39.50	.....	41.50	39.00	33.50
No. 1 alfalfa meal (medium)	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.50	23.50	.....	21.00	.....	16.50	.....	22.00	28.00	.....	20.50	.....	16.75	23.50	21.50	.....	20.50	.....	16.50	23.50	21.00
Gluten feed	42.01	41.42	40.93	.....	.....	37.95	39.08	34.65	.....	41.00	.....	.....	.....	40.03	34.65	.....	41.00	35.95	.....	38.93	32.65	.....	40.00	35.95	.....
White hominy feed	29.50	29.00	28.50	28.00	.....	26.00	.....	23.50	.....	23.00	19.00	.....	.....	28.50	23.00	.....	21.00	26.00	.....	28.25	22.50	.....	22.00	24.75	.....
Yellow hominy feed	28.50	28.00	27.50	.....	.....	25.50	.....	23.00	.....	22.00	18.50	.....	.....	27.50	22.00	.....	20.00	25.00	.....	27.50	22.00	.....	21.00	24.00	.....
Ground barley	.....	.....	28.50	.....	.....	33.00	.....	28.00	21.00	24.00	.....	.....	[3] 31.00	27.50	29.50	21.50	23.00	34.00	.....	27.50	29.50	22.00	24.00	34.00	.....
Dried beet pulp	28.00	29.00	.....	31.00	.....	24.90	.....	.....	23.50	21.50	.....	.....	25.00	.....	19.50	23.50	21.00	23.90	.....	24.80	18.50	23.50	21.50	23.90	.....

[1] Hay quotations represent average of cash sales at these markets. [2] Nominal. [3] Rolled.

Sorgo Seed Movement Starting Slowly this Season.

Sorgo seed was just starting to move from growers' hands by the end of November and by the middle of December only about 10% of the crop was reported sold by growers in some of the more important sections. In parts of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas 25% or more of the crop had been sold by growers up to Dec. 15. The movement in general has been below normal because of low prices offered growers and indifference on the part of buyers to purchase their requirements early.

Amber and orange sorgo.—The average prices paid to growers for amber and orange sorgo on Dec. 15 were approximately the same as on Nov. 1. Prices for amber in Kansas ranged mostly from 50¢ to 90¢ per 100 lbs. for thrasher-run and averaged about 75¢. Nebraska and Oklahoma prices averaged 10¢ to 25¢ and Texas 35¢ to 50¢ more than Kansas prices. Orange sorgo bids were the same as or 5¢ to 10¢ more than amber prices. The quality of both amber and orange sorgo is reported to be somewhat better than that of last year, although in a number of counties it is believed to be the same for the two years.

Sumac sorgo.—In most counties where any change in prices has occurred since Nov. 1, sumac sorgo is bringing 5¢ or 10¢ per 100 lbs. more than on that date. In the Texas Panhandle growers were being offered on Dec. 15 about 15¢ to 25¢ more than on Nov. 1 and approximately one-third of the crop was reported sold. The prices paid growers on Dec. 15 for this variety of sorgo ranged mostly from 80¢ per 100 lbs., thrasher-run, in Kansas and 90¢ in Oklahoma to $1.35 or more in Texas. Production, as reported in The Market Reporter for Nov. 12, was considerably less than that of last year, which has tended to cause growers to hold for higher prices. At present, seedsmen are reluctant to raise their bids because considerable time will elapse before smaller dealers usually begin to buy. The quality is considered to be fully equal to that of last year.

Seeds

RED AND ALSIKE CLOVER SEED PRICES TREND UPWARD.

Larger Portion of Crop Sold by Growers Up to December 10—Demand Continues Dull.

Red and alsike clover seed prices were somewhat higher and firmer during the week ending Dec. 10 than the preceding week, according to data received by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates. The average price, however, on Dec. 6 for these two kinds of clover in the various sections shown in the accompanying tables was practically the same as on Nov. 22. Up to about Dec. 10 approximately two-thirds of the red clover and nearly three-fourths of the alsike clover seed crop had been sold by growers. Seedsmen's wholesale selling prices advanced about 50¢ per 100 lbs. during the week but the demand continued dull, and seedsmen, in general, were not eager to bid on country offerings, except of the better grades.

Red clover.—Red clover seed prices showed considerable variatien in the important producing sections, being higher on Dec. 6 than on Nov. 22 in some sections and lower in other sections. The average price for the country for the two dates was practically the same, or about $16. The prices paid growers on Dec. 6 for clean seed ranged from $15 in Idaho and Nebraska to $17.65 in southwestern Ohio. In several sections but little movement occurred during the two weeks. In other sections enough of the crop was sold by growers to bring the total movement to 65% of the crop by Dec. 10. The arrivals of red clover seed, subject to the seed importation act, at New York and Baltimore during the two weeks ending Dec. 10 were about 363,000 lbs. from Germany, Chile, and Italy.

Alsike clover.—Although considerable difference in alsike clover seed prices on Dec. 6 and Nov. 22 may be noted in some sections, as shown in the accompanying table, the average price for all of the sections on the two dates is approximately the same, being $14. The prices paid to growers for clean seed on Dec. 6 ranged from $13.05 in northwestern Ohio to $15 in central Illinois and New York. Approximately 75% of the crop had been sold by growers up to Dec. 10. The movement, however, during the past four weeks has been rather slow because of the reluctance of seedmen to make bids at prevailing prices.

Sudan Grass Seed Prices Firm.

The Sudan grass seed market was somewhat stronger during the four weeks ending Dec. 17 and prices advanced 15¢ to 25¢ per 100 lbs. in the Texas Panhandle. Growers in that section were being offered $1.75 to $2 per 100 lbs. for thrasher-run seed on Dec. 15. In parts of Kansas, Nebraska, and California $2.50 to $3 was being paid, but growers have been reluctant to sell at these prices and the movement this season is considered to be below normal. In most sections, except the Panhandle, where it is reported that more than two-thirds of the crop has already been sold, the movement from growers' hands has just started. Seedsmen seem to be in no particular hurry to stock up, but the fact that production was smaller than last year has helped to maintain or increase prices.

IMPORTS OF FORAGE PLANT SEEDS.

The Seed Laboratory of the Bureau of Plant Industry reports the following imports of forage plant seeds permitted entry into the United States under the seed importation act:

Kind of seed.	November— 1921	November— 1920	July 1–Nov. 30, 1921	July 1–Nov. 30, 1920
	Pounds.	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*
Alfalfa	1,157,700	110,000	2,806,400	281,500
Canada bluegrass	200,600	78,000	256,800	94,800
Awnless brome-grass	.....	1,200	.....	1,200
Alsike clover	654,800	133,000	2,580,100	286,900
Crimson clover	118,700	44,100	1,865,000	2,201,000
Red clover	155,800	32,300	2,032,400	459,400
White clover	279,700	.....	1,027,900	.....
White and alsike clover mixtures	.....	.....	18,800	.....
Red and alsike clover mixtures	.....	1,400	2,100	1,400
Alsike clover and timothy mixtures	300	.....	1,400	.....
Alsike clover and Canada bluegrass mixtures	900	.....	5,900	.....
Alsike, white clover, and Canada bluegrass mixtures	.....	.....	800	.....
Broom-corn millet	273,400	.....	642,800	1,100
Foxtail millet	.....	.....	.....	14,700
Grass mixtures	.....	.....	40,100	.....
Orchard grass	277,600	.....	2,633,800	.....
Rape	809,000	1,369,900	2,255,500	2,317,600
Redtop	1,500	.....	1,500	.....
English rye grass	557,400	118,000	719,300	373,500
Italian rye grass	154,000	105,700	190,200	237,000
Timothy	.....	.....	95,100	.....
Hairy vetch	150,400	.....	969,500	400,700
Spring vetch	.....	.....	8,800	.....

IMPORTS OF FORAGE PLANT SEEDS.

The Seed Laboratory of the Bureau of Plant Industry reports the following imports of forage plant seeds permitted entry into the United States under the seed importation act:

Kind of seed.	Dec. 1–15, 1921.	July 1–Dec. 15, 1921.
	Pounds.	*Pounds.*
Alfalfa	261,200	3,067,600
Canada bluegrass	65,000	321,800
Awnless brome-grass	12,700	12,700
Alsike clover	297,400	2,877,500
Crimson clover	154,900	2,019,900
Red clover	264,500	2,296,900
White clover	121,900	1,149,800
Alsike clover and timothy mixtures	.....	1,400
Alsike clover and Canada bluegrass mixtures	.....	5,900
Alsike clover, white clover, and Canada bluegrass mixtures	.....	800
Red and alsike clover mixtures	.....	2,100
White and alsike clover mixtures	.....	18,800
Grass mixtures	.....	40,100
Broom-corn millet	.....	642,800
Foxtail millet	48,400	48,400
Orchard grass	33,100	2,666,900
Rape	206,000	2,461,500
Redtop	.....	1,500
English rye grass	433,000	1,152,300
Italian rye grass	75,100	265,300
Timothy	.....	95,100
Hairy vetch	24,900	994,400
Spring vetch	165,200	174,000

Before making any large purchases of seed, the farmer should obtain samples as well as prices from various dealers and test the samples, or have them tested by his experiment station or nearest Federal branch seed laboratory, for purity and germination.

Iowa continues to be the principal producer of timothy seed. The Bureau of the Census figures for 1919 show Iowa first, with a production of over 52,000,000 lbs.; Missouri, second; Minnesota, third; Illinois, fourth; Ohio, fifth; and South Dakota, sixth.

SALES OF COWPEAS BY GROWERS NORMAL FOR SEASON.

Only Local Shippers Are Active Buyers—Price Trend Uncertain—Growers Await Spring Demand.

A normal movement of cowpeas from growers' hands in most of the more important producing sections is indicated in reports to the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates during the week ending Dec. 17. In western North Carolina the movement is reported to be above normal, while in northern and southwestern Alabama, southeastern Georgia, and southern Illinois and Indiana only 5% to 20% of the crop had moved up to Dec. 15.

Price changes from Nov. 12 to Dec. 15 were somewhat erratic, there being no consistent advance or decline in the various sections, as will be noted in the accompanying table. This may be accounted for by the fact that at most shipping points only local shippers are active buyers, that few seedsmen or wholesale dealers have entered the field to purchase their requirements, and that no definite price level has been established. Prices on the average are about the same as were being paid last year at this time.

Cowpea Prices, Movement, and Quality.

State or section.	Prices offered growers for thrasher-run seed, per 100 lbs. Dec. 15.	Prices offered growers for thrasher-run seed, per 100 lbs. Nov. 12.	Percentage of 1921 crop sold by growers by Dec. 15.	Average quality 1921 crop compared with 1920 crop.
			Per cent.	
South Carolina	$2.70	$2.70	35	Better.
Tennessee	2.60	2.50	30	Same.
N. Mississippi	2.45	2.50	50	Better.
SW. Mississippi	2.50	3.15	50	Better.
SE. Mississippi	2.50	2.50	50	Same.
N. Alabama	2.50	2.25	20	Same.
SW. Alabama	2.70	2.50	5	Better.
SE. Alabama	2.60	2.60	50	Same.
N. Georgia	2.55	2.20	25	Same.
SW. Georgia	2.65	2.90	40	Same.
SE. Georgia	2.50	2.20	12	Better.
Illinois	2.00	2.35	15	Same.
Indiana	2.00	2.10	40	Same.

Red Clover Seed Prices and Movement.

State or section.	Prices offered growers per 100 lbs., basis clean seed. Dec. 6.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 8.	Percentage of 1921 crop sold by growers by— Dec. 6.	Nov. 22.	Nov. 8.
				P. ct.	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
Michigan	$16.25	$15.00	$15.60	65	60	60
N. Illinois	15.75	15.10	15.00	75	65	65
C. Illinois	15.95	16.15	15.20	60	45	45
N. Indiana	16.10	16.30	15.80	75	70	65
C. Indiana	16.90	16.65	16.10	55	50	40
S. Indiana	16.80	16.90	16.70	45	35	35
NW. Ohio	17.05	17.65	16.50	75	65	65
SW. Ohio	17.65	17.70	16.70	70	45	10
Minnesota	15.00	14.95	15.20	70	65	60
W. Wis	16.90	15.90	16.00	40	35	30
E. Wis	15.65	16.80	16.30	55	50	35
S. Wis	16.90	16.85	16.90	55	50	50
Idaho	15.00	14.90	15.09	85	75	75
Oregon	15.25	14.75	15.25	90	85	85
Nebraska	15.00	15.00	15.00	45	45	35
Kansas	15.30	16.20	16.35	80	60	60
NE. Iowa	15.50	16.00	15.55	60	50	45
SW. Iowa	15.50	15.75	15.60	75	70	60
SE. Iowa	15.70	15.65	15.10	70	70	65
Missouri	15.90	16.50	15.00	45	45	40

Alsike Clover Seed Prices and Movement.

Michigan	$13.85	$12.85	$12.80	80	75	75
N. Illinois	13.60	14.50	13.25	70	70	70
C. Illinois	15.00	14.25	13.90	75	75	60
N. Indiana	13.85	13.85	13.75	75	75	70
C. Indiana	13.60	15.00	14.65	70	65	65
NW. Ohio	13.05	13.25	12.20	70	70	70
SW. Ohio	14.15	13.30	12.40	65	55	50
New York	15.00	14.65	14.20	75	75	.....
W. Wis	14.50	14.00	13.75	50	25	20
E. Wis	14.20	13.25	13.55	60	60	45
S. Wis	13.65	13.70	13.75	65	55	55
Idaho	13.50	15.00	15.00	95	90	90
Oregon	14.00	14.50	14.00	90	90	85

Dairy and Poultry

BUTTER MARKETS IRREGULAR AND UNSETTLED THIS MONTH.

Early Gains Lost by Middle of Month—Storage Movement More Active—Imports Small.

Butter markets were very much unsettled during the first half of December. The apparent heavier fall production, comparatively light trading, and immediate supply and demand conditions were all controlling factors. The downward price tendeney at the beginning of the month was temporarily checked for a few days toward the close of the first week when buying seemed to become a little more active and the markets were further supported by an apparent scarcity of the finer grades whieh were most in demand. But by the middle of the month these gains had been lost and at the close of the week ending Dee. 17 all markets were irregular and unsettled, and prices were on the downward trend again.

The movement of storage stoeks which had been very slow beeame more active and in the four eastern markets alone, the net reduction for the first half of the month was nearly 5,000,000 lbs. At present speculative demand is lacking, and consumptive demand is depended upon to move goods.

Foreign arrivals include butter from Denmark, Holland, Ireland, Argentina, New Zealand, and Australia. Further shipments are reported on the way.

Wholesale Prices of Centralized Butter (90 Score) at Chicago.

[Cents per pound.]

	Week ending—		
	Dec. 3.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 17.
Monday	38	37	38
Tuesday	38½	37	38
Wednesday	39	36¼	37
Thursday	39	37½	37
Friday	39	38	37
Saturday	38½	38	37
Average	38.67	37.29	37.33

INTEREST IN CHEESE MARKETS CENTERS ON HELD GOODS.

Decreased Production Somewhat Offsets Light Trading—Current Make Has Seasonal Defects.

The usual seasonal dullness has so far featured the December cheese markets. Decrease in production has to some extent offset light trading, and prices in the Wisconsin produeing sections have shown slight advances, although the most recent advances do not appear to be so well supported by trading as those of a few weeks ago The apparent movement of goods has been mostly to eonsumptive ehannels, for delaers are trying to avoid a surplus at this time, not only beeause of a lack of confidence in the market, but also because inventory time is approaching.

The shift from fresh to held cheese was an outstanding feature. The shift was due to seasonal defeets in quality of current make and to the slight difference in price so that held cheese was taken in preference to fresh even at a premium on account of the better quality. There was also a natural seasonal demand for eured cheese. Stocks of fancy June cheese are apparently scarce, and very little is offered on the open market.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

[Cents per pound.]

CREAMERY BUTTER (92 score).	Week ending Dec. 3.					Week ending Dec. 10.					Week ending Dec. 17.				
	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	San Francisco.	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	San Francisco.	New York.	Chicago.	Philadelphia.	Boston.	San Francisco.
Monday	45	45½	46	45	43¾	46½	44	47	46	40	46	46	47	45½	44½
Tuesday	45	46	46	45	43½	45	43	46	44	40	46	45	47	45½	43½
Wednesday	45½	46	46½	45	41½	44½	43½	45½	44	41¾	45	43½	46	45	44
Thursday	46½	47	47½	46	41	44½	44	45½	44	41½	44½	44	45½	45	44¾
Friday	46½	47	47½	46	41¼	45½	45½	46½	45	43¼	44½	44	45	45	44½
Saturday	46½	45½	47	46	41¾	46	45½	47	45	43¼	44½	43½	45	45	44½
Average for wk	45.83	46.17	46.75	45.50	42.04	45.33	44.25	46.25	44.67	41.62	45.08	44.33	45.92	45.17	44.29
Corresponding week last year	55.58	51.33	56.00	55.67	50.29	52.75	48.33	52.91	52.00	48.33	54.58	50.71	54.83	52.83	47.41

AMERICAN CHEESE (No. 1 fresh twins).	Week ending Dec. 3.					Week ending Dec. 10.					Week ending Dec. 17.				
	New York.	Chicago.	Boston.	San Francisco.[1]	Wisconsin.	New York.	Chicago.	Boston.	San Francisco.[1]	Wisconsin.	New York.	Chicago.	Boston.	San Francisco.[1]	Wisconsin.
Monday	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	23	19	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	19	19½	21–21½	20–20¾	21–22	21½	19¼
Tuesday	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	22	19	21–21½	20–20½	21–22	20¼	20	21–21½	20–20¼	21–22	21½	19¼
Wednesday	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	21½	19	21–21½	20–20½	21–22	19¼	20	21–21½	20–21	21–22	21¼	20
Thursday	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	20½	.....	21–21½	20–20¾	21–22	20¼	19½	21–21½	20–21	21–22	21½	19¼
Friday	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	19¾	19	21–21½	20–20½	21–22	20½	19½	21–21½	20–21½	21–22	21½	19¾
Saturday	21–21½	19–19½	21–22	19¾	18½	21–21½	20–20¾	21–22	20¼	19¼	21–21½	20–21½	21–22	21½	19¼
Average for wk	21.25	19.25	21.50	21.12	18.98	21.25	20.19	21.50	19.87	19.63	21.25	20.54	21.50	21.46	19.63
Corresponding week last year	28.00	25.50	25.83	29.41	25.00	27.58	23.54	25.25	27.50	20.95	27.50	22.63	24.50	25.29	21.25

[1] Flats.

Danish Eggs Popular in England.

Danish eggs are well liked in Great Britain, reports the American agricultural commissioner at London. These eggs arrive in good condition, are well packed and graded and of excellent quality. They are shipped in standard boxes, holding 1,200 eggs and each egg is stamped with the name of the eooperative assoeiation by whieh it was shipped, as well as with the number of the farm on which the egg originated. Thus any careless paeking can readily be traced.

The Danish eooperative egg exporting societies take every precaution to guarantee the delivery of only first-class eggs.

MOVEMENT AT FIVE MARKETS.

[New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and San Francisco.]

	Week ending—		
	Dec. 17.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 3.
BUTTER.	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*	*Pounds.*
Receipts for week	8,272,667	8,364,988	7,830,771
Receipts since Jan. 1	549,621,605	541,348,938	532,983,950
Put into cold storage	1,092,787	587,946	708,401
Withdrawn from cold storage	2,844,004	3,355,082	3,321,232
Change during week	−751,217	−2,767,136	−2,612,831
Total holdings	38,083,092	[1] 39,834,309	42,503,729
CHEESE.			
Receipts for week	2,476,360	2,735,631	2,769,443
Receipts since Jan. 1	176,981,779	174,505,419	171,769,788
Put into cold storage	423,277	363,563	514,690
Withdrawn from cold storage	794,526	976,040	980,562
Change during week	−371,249	−612,477	−465,872
Total holdings	12,307,761	[1] 12,679,010	13,281,927
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Receipts for week	13,993,098	9,313,074	9,647,648
Receipts since Jan. 1	222,216,266	208,223,168	198,910,094
Put into cold storage	6,865,364	6,986,672	9,363,930
Withdrawn from cold storage	1,964,052	1,415,727	875,677
Change during week	+4,901,312	+5,570,945	+8,488,253
Total holdings	58,550,863	[1] 53,649,551	47,392,157
EGGS.	*Cases.*	*Cases.*	*Cases.*
Receipts for week	105,611	108,420	102,628
Receipts since Jan. 1	14,773,350	14,667,739	14,559,319
Put into cold storage	3,740	4,655	5,209
Withdrawn from cold storage	191,939	206,375	234,466
Change during week	−188,199	−201,720	−229,257
Total holdings	897,123	[1] 1,085,322	1,285,973

[1] Includes holdings in additional storage not previously reported.

TIMOTHY SEED PRICES CONTINUE HIGHER IN MOST SECTIONS.

Ninety Per Cent of Crop Sold by Growers—Large Exports to Europe.

Timothy seed priees eontinued their upward movement during the four weeks ending Dee. 10 and on that date the average price paid to growers throughout the eountry for clean seed was $4.50 per 100 lbs. eompared with $4.20 the preeeding month. Prices on Dec. 6, as shown in the aceompanying table, ranged from $4 in North Dakota and $4.20 in southwestern Iowa to $4.90 in Indiana and $5 in southern Illinois. In all seetions, exeept northeastern Missouri and central Illinois, prices were higher than on Nov. 8.

Approximately 90% of the crop has been sold by growers. Although seedsmen have not been partieularly aetive in buying timothy seed of late, they have manifested more interest in this commodity than in red, alsike, and sweet clover, alfalfa, millet, sorgo, and Sudan grass seed.

About 536,400 lbs. of timothy seed were exported during the two weeks ending Dee. 10 from New York and Baltimore to Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, and France. The exports of this seed, mostly to Canada, during Oetober were 2,025,358 lbs. compared with 522,823 lbs. for the same month last year, aeeording to data from the Department of Commeree.

Timothy Seed Prices and Movement.

State or section.	Priees offered growers per 100 lbs., basis elean seed.			Percentage of 1921 crop sold by growers by—		
	Dec. 6.	Nov. 8.	Oct. 25.	Dec. 6.	Nov. 8.	Oct. 25.
				P. ct.	*P. ct.*	*P. ct.*
NE. Iowa	$4.45	$4.00	$3.90	85	80	75
SW. Iowa	4.20	4.05	4.10	90	90	90
SE. Iowa	4.55	4.05	4.30	90	85	85
NW. Missouri	4.35	3.85	4.30	90	90	85
NE. Missouri	4.35	4.35	4.35	90	85	85
S. Minn	4.55	3.95	3.80	80	75	70
NE. S. Dakota	4.25	3.90	3.75	85	85	80
N. Dak	4.00	3.45	3.65	50	45	35
N. Illinois	4.80	4.50	4.30	85	75	75
C. Illinois	4.65	4.75	4.70	90	90	85
S. Illinois	5.00	4.85	4.50	95	95	95
Indiana	4.90	4.40	4.50	90	85	80
N. Ohio	4.45	4.35	4.45	80	80	80
Wiseonsin	4.75	4.20	4.10	45	45	25

Cotton

PRICES MAKE SLIGHT ADVANCES IN THREE-WEEK PERIOD.

Sales of Spot Cotton Increase—Bureau of Census Reports 7,799,458 Bales Ginned Prior to Dec. 13.

The cotton markets, for both spots and futures, were rather inactive during the period from Nov. 28 to Dec. 17. The report of ginnings of the Bureau of the Census at the opening of the market on Dec. 20 was about in line with the expectations of the trade. A slightly better demand is reported for spot cotton.

The average price of middling, as determined from the quotations of the ten designated spot markets, closed at 17.73¢ per lb. on Dec. 17, compared with 17.35¢ on Nov. 26, 17.08¢ on Dec. 3, and 17.31¢ on Dec. 10. Since Nov. 26 December future contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange have advanced 80 points and on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange 60 points. The closing quotations for December future contracts at New York on Dec. 3 were 17.52¢ and on Dec. 10 17.91¢. The closing quotations for December future contracts at New Orleans on the same dates were 16.59¢ and 16.95¢, respectively. December future contracts on the Liverpool Cotton Association closed at 10.64d. per lb. on Dec. 16, compared with 11.39d. on Nov. 25, 10.59d. on Dec. 2, and 11.02d. on Dec. 9.

Spot sales during the week were somewhat larger than those of the previous week. Sales in the ten designated spot markets totaled 67,278 bales compared with 56,437 bales the previous week and with 85,925 bales the corresponding week in 1920. Total sales in the ten designated markets from Aug. 1 to Dec. 17 were 1,761,921 bales, compared with 1,357,230 bales for the corresponding period last year.

Reports issued by the Bureau of the Census indicated that American mill consumption for the month of November was 526,610 bales compared with 332,712 bales for the same period last year. Total consumption for the four months ending Nov. 30 was 1,973,105 bales, as compared with 1,675,564 bales for the same period last season.

The Bureau of the Census reports 7,799,458 bales ginned from the growth of 1921 prior to Dec. 13, compared with 10,876,263 bales in 1920 and 9,396,646 in 1919.

Closing Future Prices for Dec. 17, Dec. 10, and Dec. 3, 1921.

Month.	New York.			New Orleans.		
	Dec. 17.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 3.	Dec. 17.	Dec. 10.	Dec. 3.
	Cents.	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*	*Cents.*
December	18.45	17.91	17.52	17.30	16.95	16.59
January	18.25	17.70	17.39	17.36	17.04	16.65
March	18.05	17.70	17.37	17.46	17.17	16.76
May	17.64	17.50	17.10	17.23	17.08	16.61

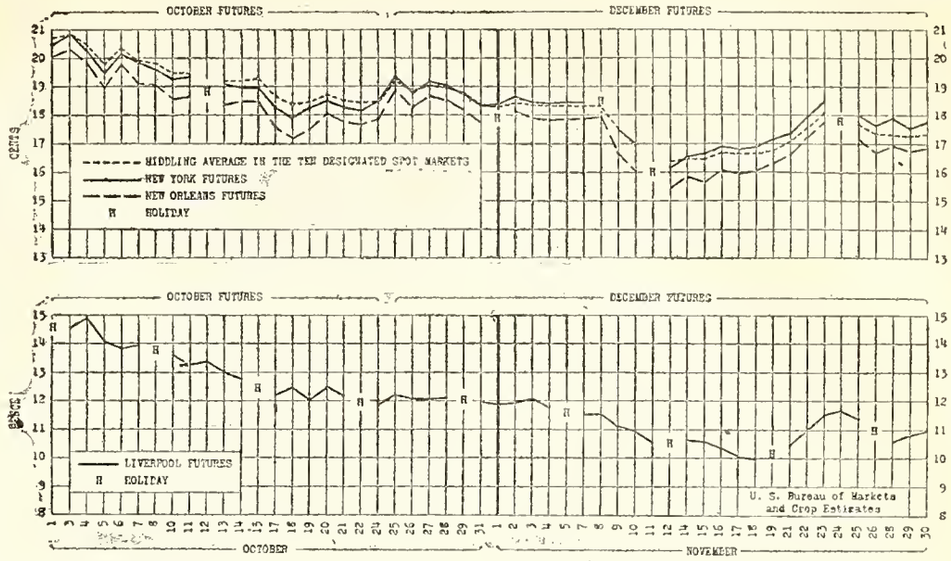
Cotton Movement and Exports from Aug. 1 to Dec. 16.

[Information from commercial sources.]

	1921	1920
	Bales.	*Bales.*
Port receipts	3,181,223	3,110,907
Port stocks	1,365,036	1,406,073
Interior receipts	4,475,271	3,654,027
Interior stocks	1,593,181	1,640,145
Into sight	5,711,296	5,528,296
Northern spinners' takings	1,202,517	678,404
Southern spinners' takings	1,996,241	1,115,618
World's visible supply of American cotton	4,642,222	4,721,982

Exports for week ending Dec. 16 amounted to 111,273 bales, compared with 160,028 bales the previous week and 121,935 bales for the corresponding week in 1920. The total exports from Aug. 1 to Dec. 16 were 2,652,853 bales, compared with 2,154,598 bales for the corresponding period in 1920.

COTTON: COMPARATIVE PRICE VARATIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.



SPOT COTTON QUOTATIONS.

Price of Middling spot cotton for Dec. 17, and the commercial differences in price between Middling and other grades of American Upland cotton at each of the 10 markets named, together with the total number of bales sold during the week ending Dec. 17, in each of the markets, as reported to the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates.

	Norfolk.	Augusta.	Savannah.	Montgomery.	Memphis.	Little Rock.	Dallas.	Houston.	Galveston.	New Orleans.	Average.
White Standards:	*On.*[1]	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*	*On.*
Middling Fair	200	275	175	200	200	250	200	200	300	175	218
Strict Good Middling	150	225	150	150	150	200	150	150	200	150	168
Good Middling	100	125	125	100	100	125	100	100	100	100	108
Strict Middling	50	75	75	50	50	75	50	50	50	50	58
Middling	17.75	17.63	17.75	17.25	18.00	18.00	17.50	18.00	18.15	17.25	17.73
	Off.[1]	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*	*Off.*
Strict Low Middling	75	63	75	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	91
Low Middling	200	175	200	200	250	250	225	200	250	200	215
Strict Good Ordinary [2]	300	275	300	300	400	400	325	300	400	375	338
Good Ordinary [2]	400	400	400	400	500	500	425	400	500	475	440
Yellow Tinged:											
Good Middling	50	13	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	46
Strict Middling	125	113	150	150	150	125	150	150	150	100	136
Middling [2]	200	213	250	200	200	250	250	250	250	250	236
Strict Low Middling [2]	350	300	350	350	350	350	350	400	350	350	350
Low Middling [2]	450	400	450	450	450	450	450	500	500	400	450
Yellow Stained:											
Good Middling	200	150	200	225	200	225	200	250	250	300	220
Strict Middling [2]	300	250	300	325	300	275	300	350	350	350	310
Middling [2]	450	425	400	450	350	425	400	400	450	400	415
Blue Stained:											
Good Middling [2]	250	200	250	275	200	275	300	300	300	325	268
Strict Middling [2]	350	300	350	375	300	375	350	400	400	375	358
Middling [2]	450	400	450	500	350	475	450	500	500	425	450
Sales for week, bales	2,633	689	2,369	473	6,000	3,905	20,253	17,525	5,435	7,996	[3]67,278

[1] The differences are stated in terms of hundredths of a cent per pound. By "On" is meant that the stated number of points is to be added to the price of Middling, and by "Off" is meant that the stated number of points is to be subtracted from the price of Middling.
[2] These grades are not tenderable on future contracts made subject to section 5 of the United States cotton futures act, as amended, on the future exchanges at New York and New Orleans.
[3] Total sales in the designated markets.

Exports of American Cotton from Aug. 1 to Dec. 16.

To—	1921	1920
	Bales.	*Bales.*
Great Britain	684,275	831,780
France	354,208	329,504
Germany	589,432	409,570
Italy	165,504	177,327
Japan and China	528,824	43,556
Spain	144,581	145,834
Belgium	79,500	102,172
Other countries	106,529	114,846
Total	2,652,853	2,154,598

Stocks on Hand in America Nov. 30, Excluding Linters.

	1921	1920
	Bales.	*Bales.*
On hand July 31	6,590,359	3,563,162
Estimated crop of 1921–22 and crop of 1920–21	8,340,000	13,270,970
Imports from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30	94,701	78,260
Total	15,025,060	16,912,392
Less consumption from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30	1,973,105	1,672,734
	13,051,955	15,239,658
Less exports from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30	2,468,535	1,641,784
Supply on Nov. 30	10,583,420	13,597,874

Stocks of Government-Classed Cotton at Future Markets.

Inspected cotton, Government-classed, in warehouses at the ports of New York and New Orleans, on Dec. 16, and on the corresponding day in 1920, of the grades tenderable on future contracts made on the exchanges in these markets subject to section 5 of the United States cotton futures Act as amended:

Grade.	New York.		New Orleans.	
	1921	1920	1921	1920
	Bales.	*Bales.*	*Bales.*	*Bales.*
Middling Fair	.....	.....	3	2
Strict Good Middling	197	3	277	30
Good Middling	3,018	151	2,792	219
Strict Middling	10,146	671	14,656	2,595
Middling	19,380	1,698	27,904	2,852
Strict Low Middling	22,291	2,989	13,583	2,214
Low Middling	5,271	1,867	4,447	324
Good Middling Yellow Tinged	1,973	135	2,495	175
Strict Middling Yellow Tinged	2,521	579	2,520	145
Good Middling Yellow Stained	14	3	2	1
Total	64,811	8,096	68,679	8,557

Total stocks of cotton, all kinds, on Dec. 16, at the port of New York were 87,066 bales, and for the corresponding day in 1920, 23,751 bales; at the port of New Orleans, 383,677 bales, and for the corresponding day in 1920, 468,890 bales.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

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bus., exported during the same period of last year.

Meat and meat products ranked third in the value of agricultural exports for the month and amounted to $16,812,881, the declared value of 123,419,353 lbs., compared with 205,401,668 lbs., having a value of $28,682,236, exported in September, 1921. Exports of meat and meat products during October, 1920, totaled 147,252,616 lbs., valued at $33,477,934. Pork and lard (including neutral) made up the bulk of the meat exports during October, 1921, and totaled 41,132,092 and 58,070,143 lbs., respectively. The October pork exports were about 26,000,000 lbs. more than during October, 1920, while the exports of lard not only exceeded those for the corresponding month of last year but were some 18,000,000 lbs. more than the average October exports during the 5-year period, 1910 to 1914.

Exports of corn and rice show a decline from September, 1921, but compare favorably both with the corresponding month of 1920 and the prewar average. Exports of corn (not including corn meal) during October, 1921, were 9,216,691 bus., as compared with 18,600,342 bus. in September, 1921, and with 1,417,232 bus. in October, 1920. Total exports of corn for the ten months ending October, 1921, were 114,189,497 bus., compared with 12,890,935 bus. in 1920. Of the total exports of corn for the ten months' period in 1921, 56,000,000 bus. or nearly half were shipped to Canada; 12,000,000 bus. went to the Netherlands; 11,000,000 bus. to Germany; approximately 9,000,000 bus. to England; and 11,000,000 bus. to Mexico. Most of the corn that went to Canada was probably destined for export to England and other European countries.

Exports of rice in October, 1921, totaled 40,602,930 lbs., a decline of approximately 14,000,000 lbs. from the previous month, when 54,576,743 lbs. were exported. Exports of rice during October, 1920, totaled 12,265,590 lbs. Total rice exports for the ten months ending with October, 1921, were 530,042,780 lbs., compared with 306,379,885 lbs. in 1920.

The value of the agricultural products imported into the United States during October was $106,000,000, or 56% of the value of the total imports during the month, compared with $191,000,000 during September, and with $202,000,000 in October, 1920. The leading commodities imported, together with their declared values were: Sugar, $10,207,266; coffee, $9,216,331; rubber, $6,832,523; hides and skins, $5,259,263; tobacco, $4,773,448; cotton, $3,476,655; vegetable oils expressed, $2,969,083; seeds, $2,636,431; cacao, crude, $2,177,792; tea, $1,814,977; bananas, $1,626,127; wool, $1,090,114, and wheat, $1,061,777. Sugar, tobacco, rice, meat and meat products, and butter showed increases over the month of September, 1921; tobacco and rice showed also an increase over the month of October, 1920.

A comparison of the imports for the ten months ending with October, 1921, with those for the same period of 1920 shows a marked decline, amounting in many cases to 50% or more from those of the corresponding period of last year. The imports of the principal agricultural products during October and September, 1921, with comparisons for October, 1920, and the first ten months of the calendar years 1920 and 1921 are shown in Table 3.

MONTHLY TREND OF EXPORTS OF WHEAT, COTTON, PORK, AND LARD.

[The 1910–1914 curve represents the prewar annual average.]

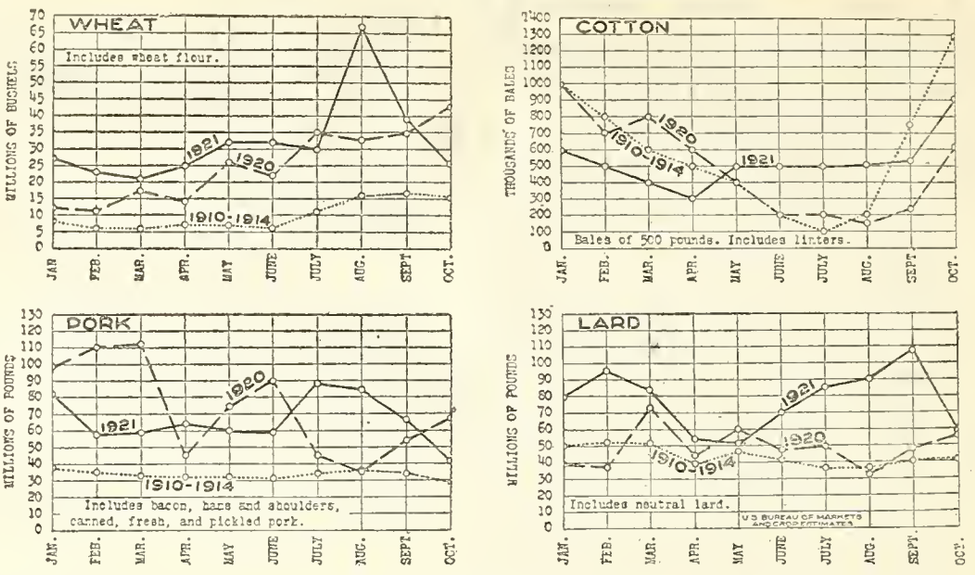

TABLE 1.—OCTOBER EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, 1921 AND 1920.

Commodity.	Unit.	Quantity.			Value.		
		Oct., 1921.	Oct., 1920.	Per cent of change.	Oct., 1921.	Oct., 1920.	Per cent of change.
Wheat	Bus.	18,361,807	35,802,977	— 48.7	$23,595,397	$99,217,531	— 76.2
Wheat flour	Bbls.	1,556,578	1,606,770	— 3.1	9,758,989	18,591,149	— 47.5
Cotton	Lbs.	452,039,272	305,842,779	+ 47.8	91,028,236	91,247,498	— 0.2
Meat and meat products	Lbs.	[1]123,419,353	[1]147,252,616	— 16.2	16,812,881	33,477,934	— 49.8
Corn [2]	Bus.	9,216,691	1,417,232	+550.3	5,478,676	1,878,637	+191.6
Rice	Lbs.	40,602,930	12,265,590	+231.0	1,413,716	874,845	+ 61.6

[1] The quantity figures do not include certain miscellaneous meat products which are reported in value only. In October, 1921, such products amounted in value to $939,956 and in October, 1920 to $877,405.
[2] Does not include corn meal.

TABLE 2.—MONTHLY EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Commodity.	Unit.	Oct., 1921.	Sept., 1921.	Oct., 1920.	10 months ending—	
					Oct., 1921.	Oct., 1920.
Wheat	Bus.	18,361,807	30,841,986	35,802,977	255,806,737	166,348,814
Wheat flour	Bbls.	1,556,578	1,801,805	1,606,770	14,540,578	17,801,468
Cotton	Lbs.	452,039,272	267,338,357	305,842,779	2,678,196,095	2,407,662,144
Meat and meat products	Lbs.	123,419,353	205,401,668	147,252,616	1,719,870,971	1,513,622,990
Butter	Lbs.	463,633	376,283	383,808	7,100,382	16,676,775
Cheese	Lbs.	389,217	524,909	605,163	10,827,088	14,642,414
Milk (condensed, evaporated and powdered)	Lbs.	32,246,231	40,176,528	20,269,141	257,542,936	376,904,079
Tobacco (unmanufactured)	Lbs.	44,498,905	34,276,231	39,892,646	453,091,958	405,880,557
Wool	Lbs.	191,381	80,249	915,056	1,798,550	7,745,835
Corn [1]	Bus.	9,216,691	18,600,342	1,417,232	114,189,497	12,890,935
Rice	Lbs.	40,602,930	54,576,743	12,265,590	530,042,780	306,379,885
Rye [2]	Bus.	1,970,284	3,712,635	2,696,192	27,162,121	46,641,720

[1] Does not include corn meal. [2] Does not include rye flour.

TABLE 3.—MONTHLY IMPORTS OF PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Commodity.	Unit.	Oct., 1921.	Sept., 1921.	Oct., 1920.	10 months ending—	
					Oct., 1921.	Oct., 1920.
Sugar	Lbs.	361,968,143	315,998,785	271,705,500	5,109,484,758	7,273,297,889
Hides and skins	Lbs.	26,243,230	32,805,587	32,897,992	295,223,391	468,350,042
Tobacco	Lbs.	5,138,906	2,599,758	3,885,488	42,052,437	73,579,874
Wool	Lbs.	9,085,706	14,592,459	8,703,292	297,199,503	233,974,744
Rice (cleaned)	Lbs.	11,146,710	2,275,283	1,159,824	51,518,273	109,914,899
Meat and meat products	Lbs.	6,552,648	4,859,335	39,742,273	65,043,187	157,109,221
Butter	Lbs.	1,858,409	397,929	2,455,315	14,031,139	30,621,734
Lemons	Value.	$105,629	$100,116	$131,635	$1,150,511	$2,776,044

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Meat venders in Marseille, France, have been forbidden to sell pork products of non-French origin at prices lower than those fixed for pork products of French origin, reports the American consul general at Marseille.

Commercial Potato Crop of Seven Canadian Provinces.

The commercial potato crop of seven leading Provinces of Canada this season is 68,135,000 bus., which is nearly one-fifth as large as the crop in the United States. Over 60,000,000 bus. of this amount are in the five eastern Provinces—Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. Actual imports into the United States from Canada from 1909–10 to 1919–20 have averaged 3,045,916 bus., or a little over 5,000 cars per year.

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